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Bridging the gap



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The Duluth City Council met with UMD Student Association members and representatives from Lake Superior College and the College of St. Scholastica at UMD Thursday, March 17. The groups spoke of the Better Neighbors Program, the possible housing district and student and community relations in general. From left to right: City Councilor Neill Atkins, Better Neighbors Director Dan Hartman, City Council President Donny Ness and SA Rep. to Regents Josh Jacobsen. For more information turn to page 5.

New SpHC awaits final vote at Capitol

By KIEREN SELL
STAFF REPORTER

The long-awaited bonding bill from the Minnesota legislature may soon be finalized and voted on. UMD's Sports and Health Center addition and the renovation of the Life Sciences building have been approved and most likely will be included on the final bill, according to University officials.

The SpHC will receive \$8.7 million from the state, which was the amount UMD requested for the \$12 million project. Along with the \$4 million from student fees, the construction will begin at the end of the legislative session, according to UMD's Facility Needs Web site.

The Life Sciences renovation will be given \$10.1 million from the state. The building was built in 1968 and no significant renovations have since been

made to the building. The College of Pharmacy is also planning to move into the renovated space.

Democratic and Republican leaders along with Gov. Tim Pawlenty announced their decision Wednesday afternoon to give the University of Minnesota system \$108.3 million for construction projects.

A conference committee will meet tonight and confirm the bill that will be voted on in the next few days. A 60 percent majority vote is needed in both the House and Senate for the bill to pass.

The expansion of the Labovitz School of Business and Economics was not mentioned on the first list of approved projects, but details on its fate have not been determined.

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Bus line to provide daily rides to the Twin Cities

By KATIE EVANS
STAFF REPORTER

The 150-mile journey to the Twin Cities is about to become easier for UMD students. Jefferson Lines, a Minneapolis-based bus business, will run a daily bus from UMD to the Twin Cities.

Beginning on March 31, there will be one bus leaving the UMD campus at 2:45 p.m. and one leaving the Minneapolis bus depot at 10:45 a.m. daily.

To entice students to try the bus service, Jefferson Lines is running a promotion -- buy a one-way ticket and get one free. The promotion can be used as a round-trip ticket or to take a friend. Plus, there is always a 15 percent discount for students.

Heidi Sporre, an employee

of Jefferson Lines, emphasized the student orientation.

"We want to make it convenient for students," she said.

The bus will have seven stops right off the freeway before the first stop in the Twin Cities at the St. Paul Depot. After the St. Paul bus station, it continues to the Amtrak, the Twin Cities campus Coffman Union and terminates at the Minneapolis depot.

The idea came after a student survey said the depot was too inconvenient for students to get to.

"Many students are interested in getting to the Twin Cities another way," said Sporre. "Freshmen don't have cars to get there."

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Childcare center opens on campus

By JAIME BERGLUND
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

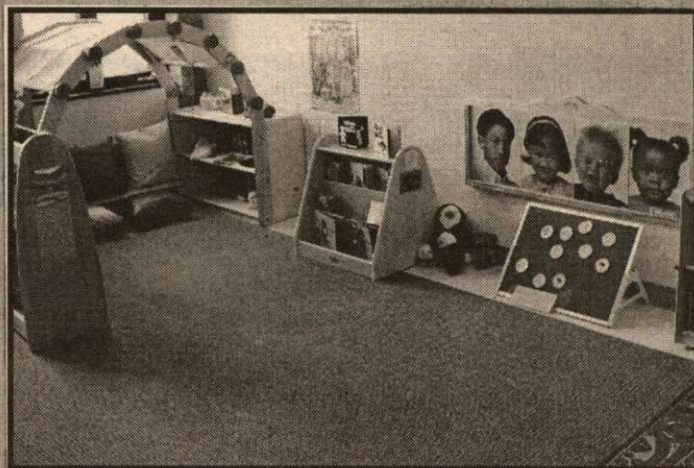
UMD Children's Place opened on Monday as a place to provide the UMD community with childcare and education.

"This has been in the works for about 20 years now," said Children's Place Director Leann Scalia. "But we've gotten more work done in the past year."

Scalia came on board with the project in August after spending 20 years at the College of St. Catherine.

"We got licensed on February 28, and opened for business on Monday," said Scalia.

Children's Place is licensed to provide care for 42 children, including eight infants, 14 toddlers and 20 pre-schoolers. They are also licensed to care for special needs children.



LANCE FISCHER/UMD STATESMAN

Children's Place, UMD's new childcare center, opened Monday, March 28. Although the center is open, additional changes are possible, including a playground.

"We are going to be caring for mainly [children of] UMD employees and students, but we will also care for some children in the greater Duluth area," Scalia said.

The daycare is made up of one room for infants, one for

toddlers and one for pre-school students. Also in the works is an outdoor playground. Each room is staffed with one teacher and one assistant teacher. Right now all of

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Twin Cities U to close two colleges

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two colleges with a long history at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus would be closed under a restructuring plan announced Wednesday.

General College and Human Ecology, two colleges that

have been an integral part of the university's Twin Cities campus for much of the last century, would be swallowed up by other colleges under the task force recommendations.

General College, which for more than 70 years has provided under-prepared students an entry into the university,

would be absorbed by the College of Education and Human Development.

Human Ecology offered its first degree program in home economics 105 years ago.

Many programs offered by Human Ecology will go into a new College of Design, university officials said Wednesday.

General College is the most diverse college at the university, but university President Robert Bruininks said he wasn't worried. "We'll continue to have a wide-range of students from a wide-range of backgrounds," he said.

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UMD to expand wireless networks

By KIEREN SELL
STAFF REPORTER

Students and faculty who use laptops will soon be able to go almost anywhere on campus and access the Internet, thanks to the new plan from Information Technology Systems and Services (ITSS).

ITSS hopes to create 200 new wireless access points throughout the campus by this June, and another 136 by June 2006.

"More and more students are coming with and using laptops," said Linda Deneen, director of ITSS. "We're trying to expand with the growth on campus."

Chancellor Martin said she will fund half the project and the collegiate units will pay a substantial amount as well. The cost for the project this year will be \$38,400 and the whole plan will cost \$64,512.

"The collegiate units will use some of their collegiate technology fees that students pay," said Deneen.

Otherwise, students won't be responsible for paying for any of the project and there is no cost to access the wireless network.

The only place that will not be wireless accessible will be in the residence hall rooms, because of the connections already installed into the rooms. All of the public areas in the residence halls will become wireless access points.

"It's very convenient to not have to search around for a place to plug in your computer," said Deneen. "You can just open it up and access the network."

Deneen also feels that adding wireless access points throughout the campus will give an extra competitive edge to UMD when students are looking at where to attend college.

"A lot of Universities are
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Student Association elections

Tiffany Varilek

Battle for the presidency

Josh Breyfogle

List the activities you have been involved with at UMD as well as positions held.

T.A. for Intro. to College learning, Rep. at Large, VP of Student Affairs, Student Body President.

What vision do you have for the future of the campus?

More student participation in campus organizations and better communication between administration, SA and the students.

What initiatives do you think the UMDSA should work on for next year?

SA should give more money to student groups and improve communication between administration and students.

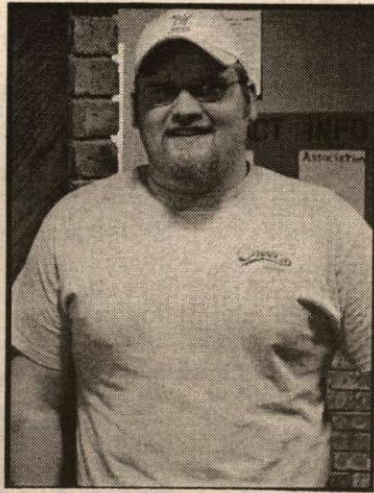
What would you do to improve student participation on campus?

Utilize our resources such as the Statesman to get the word out to students. Also, have announcements for events posted outside the SA office so all students can see them.



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Tiffany Varilek, currently the president of SA after Brian Stewart's resignation earlier this month.



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Josh Breyfogle, currently the senate director of SA and representative for the Student Senate Consultative Committee.

List the activities you have been involved with at UMD as well as positions held.

Rep. at large, CEHSP senator, R&E Chair, Senate director, SSCC representative, German club, History club.

What vision do you have for the future of the campus?

A parking ramp and an outdoor hockey rink. Look into feasibility of tobacco sales on campus due to requests from students.

What initiatives do you think the UMDSA should work on for next year?

Lowering tuition and lowering Student Service Fees.

What would you do to improve student participation on campus?

Work with other student groups and clubs and co-sponsor events that are beneficial and enjoyable for all students.

Jaime Berglund

Vice President of Student Affairs

Meghan Keil

What activities have you been involved with at UMD and what were the positions attained?

UMD Statesmen: staff reporter 2003-04, assistant news editor 2004-05; MPIRG: state board of directors, co-chair, board secretary; Nordic Ski Club: secretary; Wuda

Wooh: member.

What experience do you have that directly relates to the position you are running for?

I have been part of many organizations on campus and also work for the Sports and Health Center.

Elections will take place next Tuesday and Wednesday, April 5 and 6, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in front of the SA office. Students can also vote online at www.d.umn.edu/orgs/umdsa. All positions not mentioned here are uncontested, and write-ins for all positions are allowed.

What activities have you been involved with at UMD and what were the positions attained?

Student Association: freshman rep. at large, vice chair of Student Affairs, VP of Student Affairs; University Senate: student academic integrity committee; History

club: member; Fellowship of Christian athletes: member; Women's varsity Soccer Team: fall 2004.

What experience do you have that directly relates to the position you are running for?

Vice Chair of Student Affairs, Vice President of Student Affairs (spring 2005).

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Lecture series focuses on Holocaust, Rwanda

By JP LEIDER
STAFF REPORTER

Tuesday's presentation of "The Pianist" marked the beginning of the 12th annual Baeumler-Kaplan Holocaust Commemoration Lecture Series.

The free lecture series brings speakers, films and other events to UMD annually that relate to the Holocaust.

Today, in the Weber Music Hall at 7 p.m., "The Shop on Main Street" will be screened. Saturday's 7 p.m. feature is

"The Grey Zone" in Bohannon 90; Sunday's will be "Judgment at Nuremberg," also at 7 p.m. in Bohannon 90. A follow-up discussion is scheduled after every film showing.

The April 16 showing of the PBS documentary "Ghosts of Rwanda" at 7 p.m. in Bohannon 90 marks a departure for the lecture series from its traditional Holocaust-oriented theme, according to a UMD press release. This year's Commemoration Lecture, "Holocaust and Genocide, Past and

Present," will feature Holocaust survivor David Gewirtzman and Rwandan survivor/refugee Eugenie Mukeshimana.

"[The lecture series] will combine a Holocaust speaker with a Rwandan refugee. This is the first time we've included something beyond the Holocaust alone," said Deborah Petersen-Perlman, director of UMD Office of Equal Opportunity and chairperson of the lecture series, in a phone interview. "We are fortunate that we have been able to pair

a Holocaust survivor with a Rwandan refugee. It is great to make available the intersection of their stories to the community."

Gewirtzman, a Polish immigrant, said in a statement posted in a UMD press release that he has been involved with Holocaust education since he retired almost 10 years ago.

The other featured speaker, Mukeshimana, also recounted in a statement her memories from the genocide that occurred a little over a decade ago

in her native Rwanda.

"The genocide began a few weeks before high school graduation. I was 23 years old then, married and eight months pregnant with my first child. My husband and I were attacked and forced to flee our home," she wrote in the statement. "On the night of May 8, 1994, I gave birth to my daughter, was discovered again by the militia and taken to the killing site where I was handed over to a local militia gang-leader and taken into captivity until the fall of Kigali to the Rwanda Patriotic Army. Both my child and I survived, but several members, including my father and my elder sister, of my family were killed."

Mukeshimana later graduated high school and came to the United States in late 2001.

Petersen-Perlman believes exposure to the Rwandan genocide contemporizes the horrors of the Holocaust.

"By joining the Holocaust and Rwanda we underscore the fact that the 20th century can be called the century of genocide, which is horrible to think about," Petersen-Perlman said.

Cindy Christian, an associate with the UMD Alworth Institute and part of the committee organizing the lecture series, agreed.

"The whole hope of commemorating the Holocaust was so that it wouldn't happen again, but it clearly has happened and it continues to happen to different groups of people," she said. "If we discuss it and continue to, maybe it won't happen anymore."

According to a UMD press release, the Commemoration Lecture is scheduled for April 18, at 4:30 p.m. in Chemistry 200 and is free to the public.

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City Council, SA hold joint meeting at UMD

By DAN MEYER
NEWS EDITOR

In a move intended to establish official communication between the Duluth City Council and students, representatives from the UMD Student Association, the College of St. Scholastica and Lake Superior College met with Council members in Griggs Center on Thursday, March 17, to discuss issues important to both the city and students.

The meeting was initiated by the City Council, specifically

by member Roger Reinert, and is the first of its kind in recent memory, said SA member Dan Hartman in an interview. Hartman organized the event, while Reinert did all of the public relations work, such as getting a news crew to cover it.

While munching on chips and sandwiches provided by UMD, the 16 participants, including Council President Donny Ness, began the meeting by focusing on the issue of a student and young professional housing district

in order to relieve tense issues among students and residents in the UMD area.

Reinert said in the meeting that they currently have six different sites in mind for what he described as a "Dinkytown-type" place, referring to the area near the University of Minnesota campus in Minneapolis.

Bob Bruce, Duluth city planner, added that it would not be a district in the legal sense, that there would be no strict boundaries, but rather that it would be an area

toward which people and the marketplace would gravitate.

In a recent phone interview Bruce objected to the term "student housing district," saying that the area would be heavily populated by, but not limited to students.

"We want to create places where students want to live," Bruce said, adding that Duluth doesn't have a long history of mixed-use land, where residential space and commercial space mingle together in harmony.

The idea for a student and

young professional housing district has existed for a long time, said Hartman, but the recent push has come from Reinert with support from the city.

"We'd like to see more student housing off-campus, especially downtown," said Hartman, adding that students want to have more freedom where they live, without having to worry about problems with neighbors.

One of the biggest problems with students

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MEETING: Student housing area a possibility

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living in neighborhoods originally intended for single-family homes, such as those surrounding the UMD area is the parking issue, said Bruce.

Most such neighborhoods were built in the 1940s and '50s, a time when most families had only one car, said Bruce. The problem occurs when students move into these old homes, each with his or her own car, and suddenly there are four or five cars parked where only one was originally intended.

Reinert named six possible sites during the meeting: the "entertainment district" of downtown, which is the area on Superior Street east of Lake Avenue; Lincoln Park; London Road from 13th Avenue East to 21st Avenue East; Central Hillside; the Kenwood area;

and the Mt. Royal area.

The areas most attractive to students, according to Hartman, are the downtown and London Road areas.

The project is currently in the very early planning stages, said City Council President Donny Ness in a telephone interview.

The next steps, he said, are to give the community a voice as to where the district should be and to bring ideas to private developers.

"A few [developers] are interested," said Ness. He added that the biggest hurdle for such a project is finding available space.

The planning process could take 12 to 18 months, Ness said, and, while the community will be given a chance to give input, "ultimately, developers decide where their money goes."

"If students stay involved, they will leave a mark and have an influence" over where the district would be built, continued Ness. He said that if students don't take part in the planning process, the housing district could end up anywhere.

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WIRELESS: UMD plans to be wireless by 2006

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adding wireless," she said.

ITSS started putting in wireless access points on campus a few years ago when the College of Science and Engineering students began working with palm pilots that could access the Internet. They slowly expanded and put access points, available to anybody, in high

traffic areas like the Library and the Kirby Lounge.

Most computers now come with wireless software installed or can be easily upgraded.

Students and faculty can access the wireless network by typing in NET for the address in their web browser and entering in their University ID and password.

For a list of the current wireless access points and other information about the wireless network, visit www.d.umn.edu/itss/computing/wireless.

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Campus forums next week

Two forums will be held Monday, April 4, to discuss the Campus Master Plan update that is in the works.

Students will be able to

offer their comments and suggestions regarding the recent plan to make the University of Minnesota a top research university.

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TechFest this Friday

By HEATHER TROW
STAFF REPORTER

On April 1, UMD Information Technology Systems and Services (ITSS) will present the 8th annual TechFest in the Kirby Ballroom.

"TechFest is an opportunity for the UMD campus and the Duluth community to see how technology is being used at UMD," said Sheri Pihlaja, the organizer of the event. "Our goal is to create awareness of the use of technology at UMD."

TechFest began in 1998 and every year new demon-

strations are presented.

Highlights from this year's event will include 2D and 3D animation, Electrical and Computer Engineering and a new keyboarding certificate program.

Some of the demonstrations that might appeal to students include the Eye Gaze Computer Aid, a tool to help those with communication disorders, and demonstrations on the use of iPods for presentations and how to create an iMovie.

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Additional nights are pro rated.

Application deadline is seven days prior to arrival date.

Apartments and Residence Hall rooms are rented on a unit basis only. One individual is the sole leaseholder and is responsible for obtaining roommate(s), payment of rent, keys and condition of room/apartment. Summer Housing does not assign roommates.

Reservation requests forms and rates are available at 189 Lake Superior Hall or by calling (218) 726-7390. Advance payment of \$50 for Resident Hall and \$100 for Apartment must accompany request forms. Payments are to be made by credit card only.

CHILDCARE: Daycare center to employ students in the future

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the staff are certified in early childhood education. Once enrollment fills up, Children's Place will employ UMD students for up to 100 hours per week to complete the staff-to-child ratio.

"I wanted to work here because all of the teachers have so much experience," said Edwyna Redmond, a teacher at Children's Place who has been working with children for about nine years. "All of the teachers have four-year degrees, something that you don't see anywhere else."

The vision of Children's Place is "to be a model program providing quality, nurturing care and educational experiences for young children of diverse backgrounds and abilities."

According to a news release on March 24, Children's Place is operated under the direction of the UMD College of Education and Human Service Professions.

Children's Place offers care for children between the age of six weeks to five years and is located at 260 Kirby Plaza. Anyone is welcome to stop by for a tour. The main office can also be reached by phone at 218-726-6635. The hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Jaime Berglund can be reached at berg1271@d.umn.edu.

BUS LINE: Discount for ride to Cities

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Sporre also pointed out the safety and convenience of the new bus program.

"It's a nice, easy, safe way for students," she said.

The cost of a one-way ticket

is \$20, plus the 15 percent discount if you are a student. Anyone can buy a ticket at the UMD Stores and reservations aren't required.

Luggage limits are two bags per person, plus purses or handbags.

The service runs from March 31, until the end of the school year. The bus service will resume with classes in the fall.

Katie Evans can be reached at evan0280@d.umn.edu.

COMMENCEMENT TICKETS



ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS!

**Pick up your commencement tickets
in the bookstore from April 4 - April 22.**

Guest tickets will be required at the May 14, 2005 baccalaureate commencement ceremony at the DECC. Students who have satisfied all of the requirements can pick up their commencement tickets at the Bookstore before April 22.

Commencement Ticket Lottery

Need more tickets? Sign up for the lottery at <http://www.d.umn.edu/commencement>.

Have too many? Turn them in to the bookstore (lower level) and they'll be given away in the lottery.

Awarded lottery tickets will be available in the bookstore from April 28 - May 6.

Graduate Commencement will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 12 in Romano Gym. The Baccalaureate Commencement will be held at noon on Saturday, May 14 at the DECC.

<http://www.d.umn.edu/commencement>

Fall 2005 Registration and Advisement

LSBE

Reminder: printed class schedules no longer exist. You must use the on-line version of the class schedule. There is a printable version of the class schedule on the Registrar's Office home page. Degree worksheets and waiting list instructions will be available April 4 outside of SBE 21.

Advisement is scheduled for April 4-15. You are strongly encouraged to meet with your advisor. Sign-up sheets will be posted in each department. Advisement for Bolen's, Furo's, Strand's and Torrison's advisees runs through April 29. Peer advisors will be available 9 a.m.-3 p.m. from April 11-29 in SBE 21.

What's New?

When you register for classes, you will be prompted for your health insurance carrier information. Besides having to input the name of the health insurance company and policy number, you will also be required to enter your health insurance carrier's telephone number. Please have these pieces of information handy when you register. You will not be able to proceed through the registration process without this information.

Important: Reminder, course pre-requisites are now enforceable in the registration system. If you have completed a course pre-requisite at another institution, you will need to go to Student Affairs, SBE 21, for registration assistance. Since pre-requisites are now enforced by the system, Student Affairs no longer needs to monitor access into MgtS 4781, FMIS 4225, or MgtS 4481.

Your enrollment appointment is available via the WEB registration system. You can view this at the following URL: <http://www.d.umn.edu/Register>. Also check to see if you have any holds as they need to be cleared in order for you to register. Remember to check the system frequently as holds are added to records periodically.

FALL 2005 GRADUATES who have received credit checks will be given priority registration for Fall semester LSBE classes only if they fill out a pre-registration form and return it to the front desk in SBE 21 by April 4. There are limited spaces in some courses so make sure that you use this privilege of pre-registration. Make sure that you include second and third choices, especially for MgtS 4481.

SPRING AND SUMMER 2006 GRADUATES need to turn in a graduation plan by April 11 in order to receive a credit check during fall semester and have the ability to pre-register for spring semester 2006 LSBE classes.

LSBE Waiting Lists - Waiting lists are part of the web registration process. LSBE courses which have waiting list capabilities are marked with a phrase titled "Wait list becomes available when class fills." Then, when such a class closes, it will say "Wait List Open." At this point, you register for the class and select the wait list option. You just simply follow the prompts as they appear. You may not put yourself on the waiting list for a different section of a course you are currently registered for. If we find this, you will be removed from the waiting list. Make sure that you don't have a time conflict or too many credits on your schedule in the event that we can add you into the class you are on the waiting list for. Any such conflict will require us to skip over you and move on to the next person on the waiting list. Priority for a course is based on majors and term of graduation for upper division courses and term of admission to candidacy for lower division courses. See LSBE Student Affairs for a detailed description of this new waiting list process.

Eligibility for Courses - We enforce course pre-requisites by reviewing student records at the end of each term. For example, if a student does not successfully complete Acct 2001 and is registered for Acct 2002, we will drop that student from Acct 2002 as they are no longer eligible for the course. Any student attempting to add a course when the semester begins will be checked for eligibility - eligibility for course pre-requisites or for candidacy status. For example, only an official upper division candidate will be allowed into an upper division course with the "LSBE candidate" pre-requisite.

CANDIDACY APPLICATION VS. ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY

Applying to Candidacy: At 45 credits, students in LSBE are required to apply for candidacy for their degrees. A Hold is placed on the student's record until this application is completed. The forms are available in SBE 21.

Admission to Candidacy: To be eligible for candidacy, a student must be in good academic standing (overall, transcript and internal GPA must be 2.00 or higher), must have completed or be currently enrolled in all pre-major requirements for the BBA or Bac degree

program. Courses still in progress at the time of admission must be successfully completed in order to maintain candidacy status.

CEHSP

Advisement appointment: CEHSP students are expected to meet with their advisers during Advisement Days, Monday, April 4 - Friday, April 29. Advisors will have sign-up sheets posted on their office doors. Appointments with Maribeth Overland and Lisa Rigoni Reeves can be made in BohH 113. The Fall '05 semester registration queue is Monday, April 11 - Friday, April 29.

Please make your appointment with your adviser early to avoid disappointment due to scheduling conflicts. You should have reviewed your program plan and have a tentative schedule prepared when you meet with your advisor as well as a current APAS. You should also identify alternative courses if you have a late queue date or have chosen courses that have limited enrollment.

Change of College forms: The last day to file is Monday, March 14. Completed forms should be returned to BohH 113.

A printed version of the schedule books will no longer be available.

Web site for registration is: <http://www.d.umn.edu/Register/>

UMD Catalog: The UMD Catalog is your guidebook throughout your college career. Bulletins are printed every two years and contain valuable information about UMD policies, program requirements, and course descriptions. If you do not have the catalog, you may pick one up at the information desk in the Solon Campus Center.

Registration holds must be cleared before you can register by presenting a release form, signed by your advisor, to the Student Affairs Office, BohH 113.

PR HOLD: Students who have one or more high school preparation requirement deficiencies must see their advisor to discuss how the deficiencies will be fulfilled.

RB HOLD: Students who are on academic probation must set up an appointment in BohH 113 to meet with Maribeth Overland in the Student Affairs office.

AMR HOLD: The following students have an advising hold that will be released after a meeting with their advisor: Students assigned to the CEHSP Student Affairs Advisors (Undecided and Pre-education), all Early Childhood students, Psychology majors that have Michael Sullivan as an advisor, pre-majors in Exercise Science, pre-Athletic training, pre-Physical Education, pre-Communication Science Disorders majors who must apply for candidacy, and students with a cumulative GPA below the minimum for admission to the major.

How to Register - To view your queue time and to register, the web address is <http://www.d.umn.edu/Register>. You will need to know your Internet ID and password. (Your Internet ID is the same as your e-mail user name.) If you run into difficulties, call 726-8000 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

CLA

Fall Semester 2005 registration queue begins 7:30 a.m., Monday, April 11, and ends noon Friday, April 29.

Queue/Registration time available on-line: Friday, Feb. 18.

Last Day to change UMD colleges for Fall 2005: Monday, March 14.

Fall 2005 Class Schedule. **Reminder:** Class Schedules are only available online. The CLA Department Registration Information will be available online and in paper form beginning March 28, from the CLA Student Affairs and Advising Center, 306 Kirby Plaza, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. **Class Schedule:** <http://www.d.umn.edu/Register/> - Class Schedule.

"Advisement" Schedule for Fall 2005

CLA Advisement Web page: <http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/saac/advisement.php>

April 4-8 Senior s, Juniors and Student Athletes
April 11-15 Sophomores*
April 18-22 Freshmen*
***Undecided majors see below for advisement schedule.**

Advisement Appointments

All students are encouraged to contact their advisor and schedule an appointment.

1) Make an appointment to see your advisor.

2) Develop a tentative course schedule for next term.

3) Choose additional courses, in case the desired schedule does not work.

4) Write down any questions you may have for your advisor (internships, tutoring, scholarships, job opportunities, etc.).

5) Bring a current copy of your APAS to your appointment. <http://www.d.umn.edu/Register/> - Personal Info - View your APAS report.

6) Attend your scheduled appointment with your advisor.

CLA Class Waiting List

The CLA Class Waiting List has been replaced by the PeopleSoft Waitlisting Option. PeopleSoft is the system for student records. If a CLA course has a waitlist it will be indicated on the online Class Schedule after the course.

Permission Numbers for Closed Classes

If you receive a permission number (numeric code to override the enrollment limit for a course), the number is only valid through the end of the second week of the term. Student must be registered for all their courses by this time.

Undecided Students

CLA undecided students with 45 or more semester credits will have an "OT - CLA Declare Major" hold placed on their records. In order to have the hold released, students must either file a 'Plan for Major Declaration' form or declare a major. The 'Plan for Major Declaration' form is available in 306 Kirby Plaza. Undecided students are required to meet with their academic advisor in order to discuss their progress in exploring/declaring a major.

Mandatory Advisement for First-Year Students!

First year students who are designated as undecided majors are required to seek academic advisement. Advisement for CLA undecided majors will begin March 28. Schedule an appointment with your academic advisor well in advance of your registration time. If you are a first year undecided major, an advisement hold has been placed on your record, and you will not be permitted to register for the next semester until you have met with your academic advisor.

Student Athletes

Undergraduate students who are eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics and who are or will be on an active roster for a UMD intercollegiate sports team may register for next semester during the first week of the registration queue. It will be the student's responsibility to make sure that they have followed all the proper collegiate unit procedures regarding advisement and removal or releasing of holds.

Seniors - Retrieve a copy of the 'Senior Checklist' from the following website: http://www.d.umn.edu/registrar/reg_degr ee_info.htm. All degree information is available at the Solon Campus Center Information Desk.

Repeating a Course

If you register for a course which is a repeat from a previous semester, you must retrieve and submit a 'Course Repeat Card' to the Solon Campus Center Information Desk.

Time Conflict Policy

To register for courses with a time conflict you will need to file a UMD Petition with the signatures of both instructors, the course numbers and the meeting times of the classes that conflict. Once you have filled out the petition and obtained the required signatures, turn it in to the CLA Student Affairs and Advising Center, 306 Kirby Plaza, for processing.

Update Mailing Address

Reminder, please update your current/local mailing address while registering and/or verify that it is accurate.

NEW Health Insurance Information

All UMD students are required to enter their Health Insurance provider information into their record along with the provider's phone number. The phone number is a new requirement.

Registration Assistance

For registration assistance visit the Student Assistance Center (SAC) in SCC 21 or call them at 726-8000. SAC can answer questions regarding registration policies and processes and health insurance.

Help Desk Call the Help Desk at 726-8847 for technical information such as: locations of computer labs, where you can access Web registration and print out your study list, assistance accessing the registration system, Internet ID and password problem.

SFA

Fall Semester 2005 registration queue begins Monday, April 11 and ends Friday, April 29.

Paper copies of the class schedule are no longer available. Class Schedules are now accessed on the Web. Go to: www.d.umn.edu/courseinfo/ Feb. 18, - Queue/Registration time available on line.

Mandatory Semester Advisement

***YOU** make an appointment to see your advisor.

*Develop a tentative course schedule for Fall Semester 2005.

*Choose additional courses in case the desired schedule does not work.

*Write down any questions you may have for your advisor.

***Go** to your scheduled appointment with your advisor.

SFA Advisement Schedule

April 4-8 Seniors/ Juniors

April 11-15 Sophomores

April 18-22 Freshmen

REPEATING A COURSE?

If you register for a course which is a repeat from a previous term, you must submit a Course Repeat Card to the Campus Ctr. Info. Desk. This card is available at the Campus Ctr. Info. Desk.

HEALTH INSURANCE - You will need your health insurance information when you register. Health insurance must be entered if you register for more than six credits.

Students will **ONLY** be able to register through the WEB registration.

Paper copies of the class schedule are no longer available. Go to: www.d.umn.edu/courseinfo/

WEB registration - Go to the Office of the Registrar Homepage (<http://www.d.umn.edu/Registrar>)

*REGISTERING FOR CLASSES

*For permission numbers -- see your department office

*Wait list information:

For classes with wait list capabilities, you will see the phrase, "wait lists become available when class fills." When the class closes you will see "wait list open." Follow the prompts to be put on the wait list for the class. You can not be on a wait list for a different section of the same course.

***Last Day to Change Colleges for Fall 2005** - March 14.

***Enrollment Appointments (Registration Queue)** (The day and time you register. This is also the link to register for classes.) Available on-line - Feb. 18.

*Service Indicators (Holds)

***Holds on your record.

***Update Address** ***Please update your address when registering.

***For Registration Help** ***Call the Student Assistance Center at 726-8000.

CSE

1. **ADVISEMENT FOR** Fall registration begins Monday, April 4 and finishes Friday, April 18.

Make an appointment to see your advisor by signing up on the appointment calendar on your advisor's door. If your advisor or department has scheduled group advisement, follow their instructions to attend a group session.

Make a tentative plan for Fall classes. Check required courses on the program sheet for your major; check the class schedule for courses and times.

See your advisor at the appointment time. Bring a written draft of your planned schedule. Be prepared to talk about your educational goals and academic progress.

2. Registration begins Monday, April 11. Find your "queue" or registration appointment time at [When Can I Register?](http://www.d.umn.edu/Register/) at <http://www.d.umn.edu/Register/>

3. **REGISTRATION HOLDS** if < 60 CR.

To ensure that they see their advisors, students with less than 60 completed credits will not be able to register until they meet with their advisor, receive an advising hold release form and hand the form into the CSE office.

4. **ALL OTHER REGISTRATION HOLDS:** **ALL PHYSICS, ALL ENGINEERING, ALL GEOL SCIENCES and ALL COMPUTER SCIENCE** students must see their advisors even if they have completed 60. Holds will be released only after advisement.

5. **TO RELEASE REGISTRATION HOLDS** -

- Students meet with advisors for advisement;

- Advisor gives student signed release form;

- Student brings signed release form to CSE Student Affairs, Engr. 140.
- CSE Student Affairs releases the hold by 8 a.m. the following day (in most cases it is released immediately).

6. **HOW TO REGISTER** - Register on the Web. Use your Internet ID and password to access the system. Start with UMD Home page; link with Current Students; link with Register for Classes; link with Add or Change Classes. Use the Web Class Schedule and Section Status Report for class schedule updates and open/closed status.

7. **CLASS SCHEDULE IS AVAILABLE ON WEB ONLY. NO PRINTED VERSION.**

8. **REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE** - Registration assistance will be available in the CSE Student Affairs office throughout the queue.

9. **OVERRIDES AND CLOSED CLASSES** - CSE Student Affairs will keep Wait Lists and Overrides for closed 1000-level Biology, 1000 & 2000-level CS, all Math, Statistics, and Chemistry. For other courses, contact the instructor or the department.

10. **QUESTIONS?** - Contact CSE Student Affairs, Engr. 140, 726-7585, cseas@du.umn.edu.

GRADUATE STUDENT REGISTRATION

All new and returning graduate students (MA, MS, MBA, MSEC, MSEM, MFA, MLS, MM, MSW) are queued to register for Fall Semester April 11-Sept. 5. Check on the web to indicate your registration time and date.

If you have a "Hold" on your record, you may not register until that hold is cleared with the office imposing the hold. A hold may be imposed for financial indebtedness to the University (e.g. for unpaid library fines, unpaid tuition or fees or failure of filing a degree program or providing a degree transcript verifying the award of your undergraduate degree). You can check for holds on your record by using Student Access. You will be informed of any recent holds when you attempt to register.

If you need a "permission number" to register you are to obtain this number from your department, not the Graduate School office.

All graduate students are required to register EVERY SEMESTER (excluding summer) in order to keep your status active. Failure to do so will result in your having to be readmitted and pay a readmission fee.

Any questions you may have regarding your graduate status, contact the UMD Graduate School office at 726-7523.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

FALL 2005 CLASS SCHEDULE INFORMATION will be on-line (www.umn.edu/register). A Fall 2005 class schedule containing evening and INI courses will be available late April. The CE class schedule may be picked up at the CE windows 1 or 2 in the Darland Administration Building lobby or call 726-8113 to have one sent to you.

FALL 2005 REGISTRATION

WHEN:

Monday, May 2. To view your appointment time, see the URL address below. You may register anytime on or after your appointment time.

HOW:

In person: Windows 1 or 2 in the Darland Administration Bldg lobby

By phone: (218) 726-8113

By fax: (218) 726-6925

By web: www.d.umn.edu/Register/ (for continuing CE students only)

By mail:

Send registration information to: Continuing Education
104 DADB
1049 University Dr
Duluth, MN 55812

PLEASE CHECK FOR HOLDS prior to May 2 in the event that you may need to clear a hold before you will be eligible to register. To view your records use the following URL: <http://www.d.umn.edu/Register/>. Or you may stop by the CE windows or call 726-8113 to check on holds.

PAYMENT OPTIONS: Continuing Education students can pay their Fall tuition with a credit card AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION (Visa, Mastercard and Novus/Discover accepted) or tuition can be billed to SAR (Student Accounts Receivable). **Note:** Bills are no longer mailed out. You will receive notification of your account via UMD email. Details available at the UM pay site <http://www.d.umn.edu/students/umpay>.

If you have any questions, please contact Continuing Education Registration at 726-8113.

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"A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both."

- Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Conservatives in college: where are they?

Long have the likes of the College Republicans decried colleges and universities as having a majority of faculty members who lean to the left. According to a recent article by the *Washington Post*, they couldn't be more right.

The conservative Randolph Foundation analyzed data from a 1999 survey of 1,643 faculty members nationwide.

The *Washington Post* reported on Wednesday that: "By their own description, 72 percent of those teaching at American universities and colleges are liberal and 15 percent are conservative, says the study being published this week. The imbalance is almost as striking in partisan terms: 50 percent of the faculty members surveyed identified themselves as Democrats and 11 percent as Republicans.

'What's most striking is how few conservatives there are in any field,' said Robert Lichter, a professor at George Mason University and a co-author of the study. There was no field we studied in which there were more conservatives than liberals or more Republicans than Democrats. It's a very homogenous environment, not just in the places you'd expect to be dominated by liberals.'

Are these results indicative of some kind of grand conspiracy by the left to convert the youth or does it simply show how little conservatives know of higher education by virtue of the fact that they are not involved? If America really is the conservative nation Bush would have us believe, there should be at least as many, if not more, conservatives than liberals.

So, where are they in colleges and universities? Perhaps conservatives don't feel welcome, are too busy in private industry or, more likely, they just don't care.

Democrats will cling to these results, as the hope of a more "liberal" base being the only chance they have at this point (if only the base would vote). Though it is true enough that Dems will likely use these survey results, reported from a conservative group, in a way to further their agenda (or lack thereof), Republicans' spin, not to mention their power, is what is truly troubling. Republicans, both at the federal and state levels, have the power to change education funding. And they are.

Many conservatives don't feel it's the federal government's job to support education and Bush's recent proposed budget definitely lines up with that ideology. Like so many other things, the burden falls on the state. Though it's true enough that Pawlenty is recommending more education funding, don't forget for a second how he has negatively impacted both K-12 and higher education over the past few years.

When people feel marginalized, much of the time they do something about it. It's only logical to want something better than injustice. I hear conservatives bitch and moan about how colleges and universities are a bastion for liberals, yet I don't see any movement for change. That leads me to believe that they just don't care. It's yet another excuse used to distract society from the real troubles in education, namely the lack of funding. Thank you, Tim Pawlenty. Not to mention W.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Men's hockey team makes an unlikely fan

I want to take this time and thank the men's UMD hockey team. The season did not go the way they wanted (a goal by the opposing team with

.2 seconds left on the clock... gimme a break!), but they are still great in my mind.

I graduated from college in California and moved here to Duluth in 2003. I was never a hockey fan, but my boyfriend, a UMD alumnus, got me hooked on the sport. I instantly became a devout fan (my orange cat's middle name is Lessard).

I watched or listened to every game that I was unable to attend and followed the team down to Minneapolis for the

Frozen Five tournament. I was on campus to watch the dreadful loss to Denver in Boston.

With the loss of 11 seniors this year, the outlook of UMD for next year will be different. The familiar names and numbers I have come to know will be gone, but I will still remain a fan.

Thanks again for making a Southern California girl a HUGE fan of UMD hockey.

Susie Johnson
Duluth, MN

Do white males contribute to diversity?

By YOLANDE JENNY
GUEST COLUMNIST

Every week since last September, the UMD Commission on Diversity has purchased a \$75 ad in the *Statesman*. The ads include a photograph, a quotation and the results of a survey about the campus climate for underrepresented groups. The photographs picture good looking, successful, middle class students or staff. So far there have been more than 20 racial minorities, women, gays, dyslexics and foreigners. I wonder why we have not yet seen a photo of a low-income, insecure, Northern Minnesota white male, who may have difficulty securing a date with a UMD woman because of his appearance or lack of money. Does UMD consider that non-minority males are not part of diversity and therefore they don't count, they don't matter?

There have been ads of white women, who outnumber men at UMD and in universities nationwide, but no ads of the underrepresented white men.

Could the Commission publish a list of the categories of people who are considered part of diversity?

The Multicultural Center follows the same pattern as the Commission. Every special interest group has a meeting place, even white women, but white men have no space. The denial of a Men's Center may be a violation of Title IX, which requires gender equality in educational programs.

As to the quoted survey, it is based on an outdated and unscientific questionnaire designed by a woman at the

University of Michigan. The first flaw is that the questionnaire lists women at the top of the underrepresented groups, when in fact it is the men, who, for the past 10 years, have been underrepresented in universities (see the statistics of the U.S. Dept. of Education).

The other flaw of the survey is that for the first 15 questions the listing of the various groups was inconsistent. I qualified for three categories. I had positive responses for every question except one. For that particular question the survey had omitted the category "non-native speaker of English." Therefore my negative experience could not be tabulated. I showed the survey to a specialist who found it "not very scientific."

The only negative experience I had at UMD because of my foreign accent was when an attractive, blue-eyed, blonde woman, residing on Missouri Ave., put me down by saying, "You have an accent and I have a B.A. degree from UMD." I congratulated her on her degree and then informed her that I have a Ph.D. from Duke University.

Another point of interest with the Commission is its ad about Middle Easterners and Hispanics. The survey indicates that people have few contacts with these categories. But do UMD people know their human geography? Turkey, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Israel are Middle Eastern countries, but their people may look like European Americans and may be Christian. Most UMD students would not know whether a Duluthian is Lebanese-American or Israeli-Jewish-American because they

may look like French, Italian, Greek or white Hispanic Americans.

Mrs. Yasser Arafat, an Arab and widow of the Palestinian leader, is a pale-faced blonde, living in Paris and speaking French. But she is a Middle Easterner. Perhaps some respondents to the survey picture all Middle Easterners wearing black beards and head-dresses. Their responses may have been based on ignorance.

The survey reinforced old stereotypes.

Another point about male students. A UMD faculty member wrote in the *Duluth News Tribune* that minorities, women, non-native speakers of English, the disabled, etc. are all oppressed by Protestant, able-bodied, white American males. The Administration has never disavowed that statement. I would like to know how our young male students feel about being put down in such a hurtful and hate filled manner. Male students, who, in the past, have complained about the treatment of their gender at UMD, have received hate mail and have even been called socio-pathic by the above mentioned faculty member (see Letter to the Editor, *Statesman*, Dec. 9, 2004).

My last point about the "discarded" gender is that the most recent statistics indicate that autism afflicts four times more males than females. It seems males have problems, too.

Yolande Jenny is a UMD Faculty Member.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, GUEST COLUMNS

Letters to the editor in the UMD *Statesman* are to provide an open forum for readers. Letters must be typed, double-spaced and signed with the author's name, year in school, college and phone number for verification purposes. Letters sent over email must be signed and we may require verification in person. Non-students should include identifying information such as occupation or residency. Letters to the Editor should be brief and should not exceed 300 words. Letters exceeding 300 words may be published as a guest column. The deadline for letters is no later than Monday at 12 p.m. for Thursday publication. The UMD *Statesman* reserves the right to editor for clarity, length, obscenity and potentially libelous material. Letters are published on a first come first serve basis and become the property of the UMD *Statesman* and will not be returned. Opinions expressed in the UMD *Statesman* are not necessarily those of the student body, faculty, staff or the University of Minnesota. The UMD *Statesman* and the University of Minnesota are equal opportunity employers and educators.

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SA's ineffectiveness built in to the system



By BRIAN STEWART
STAFF WRITER

Imagine President Bush ran unopposed in the last election. For that matter, imagine that most of the senators and representatives in the United States government ran unopposed and, in some cases, literally no one ran for the positions. Imagine that only 5-10 percent of the population voted, and most of them knew almost nothing about any of the candidates. Could you expect such a government to be effective? Absolutely not, as such poor results would almost certainly be the result of general apathy and ignorance within the population.

Fortunately, that's not the case. While voting turnout in national, state and local elections may be pathetic, it's not quite that pathetic. Unfortunately, there is an organization even closer to home that must operate in just as ugly a political environment. Ladies and gentlemen, I give you your UMD Student Association.

The problems with the UMD Student Association are numerous. It is important to note, however, that these problems have nothing to do with the members themselves. While, as with any organization of that size, there are bad apples, the majority of your representatives are there because they want to make a difference and they're ready to do so. They are, for the most part, intelligent, mo-

tivated, creative people. They fail by no fault of their own: their failure is the fault of the students and the fault of the structure they are forced to operate within.

First, the problem with their constituents. In last year's elections there was one candidate for president, three out of four of the vice-presidential positions were unopposed and numerous other representatives got in without any sort of fight. There were, in fact, vacant spots that remain unfilled to this day. The voter turnout was pathetic as well (around 500 for the presidential "race"). Of course, that can be partly blamed on these unopposed elections in which the candidates did not feel the need to campaign. However, if you look back a year earlier, you'll see a highly competitive presidential race. Both candidates met with students, heavily campaigned and tried to meet as many people as they could. And, after countless hours and significant resources spent on their campaigns, approximately 10 percent of the student body bothered to vote.

The students have no excuse. The SA has always reached out. Every year there is at least one open house in which food and snacks are given out and students are encouraged to attend. Quite a bit of time and money is spent on advertising events, initiatives and their simple presence. Stories on SA appear in the *Statesman* several times a month. Yet if you

stopped 10 students in the hallway, I imagine only half could tell you what SA is with anything remotely approaching coherence and only one or two of those could tell you about what they are working on. They don't care.

A year ago, there was an initiative in the Duluth City Council that would have severely crippled student's ability to live off-campus. SA representatives advertised heavily, sat at tables every day all day and worked as hard as they possibly could to get students motivated, interested

amount of work possible by just going to meetings, her wage will probably be \$3 an hour or so. And I guarantee you that she will spend far more time on her job than that. Getting an entry-level job at McDonalds would probably earn you three times more money than she will make. Your vice-presidents? Only \$75 a month. Most other members make absolutely nothing.

How far does the sense of a "job well done" take you? While having "student government" on your resumé is certainly a great thing, it can only motivate

a busy college student so much before they burn out or give up.

Your campus outreach director, another student, spent 12-hour days at school for weeks before Out

Cold on planning and coordinating. She gets paid a pittance, and three or four students probably thanked her when it was all over. I hope you enjoyed your chicken strip-eating contest.

The SA is designed to represent the students in every single aspect, whether it is with the administration, government or whatever. You would like your representatives to have complete freedom to act in your best interests, wouldn't you? Unfortunately, they don't. They get all their money from the Student Service Fees (SSF) committee. While students sit on and are forces within this committee, staff and faculty also are members,

which means that students don't have an undiluted initial input on the budget of their representatives, even though the money is coming directly from them. Not to mention the fact that SSF's decisions need to be rubber-stamped by the Chancellor, though not officially. But I dare you to find an instance where something made it through SSF that the Chancellor disapproved of. So, essentially, your student government needs the Chancellor's thumbs up on any expenditures. Remember your tuition bill where it said Student Service Fee? Yeah, that money goes to SA and countless other programs to benefit students. It's too bad you can't decide how it's spent.

This is not to say that your representatives are administrative tools. To the contrary, they do their best in your name. Instead, these are the boundaries they have no choice but to operate within. To do otherwise is to doom an initiative, and possibly future efforts as well, to failure.

The list of problems with the structure of SA is numerous. The amazing thing, in fact, is that they are able to get anything done at all with such organizational baggage and counterweights. But they do. They do all they can, and every one of you owes them a thank you for the time they spend and the garbage they put up with on a daily basis. They fight for you, even when you are apathetic and ungrateful. How many other people can you say the same about?

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"The problems with the UMD Student Association are numerous. It is important to note, however, that these problems have nothing to do with the members themselves."

and educated. On the night of perhaps the biggest vote in your educational lifetime close to five non-SA, non-Greek UMD students attended. Just sad.

It's not just the student body, however, that encourages the failure of the SA. The structure almost seems built to destroy members. Take North Dakota State's student government, for example, one that was studied extensively by SA in their work on the "taxi" program. Their president and top officers have their tuition paid during their tenure.

Your student body president, on the other hand? She will make \$100 this month. Assuming she does the least

Bush is right to cut programs that don't perform

By PETER CARPENTER
STAFF WRITER

People have been bringing the issue of President Bush's proposed fiscal budget for 2006 to me for some time now, as if I hadn't heard about it. As soon as the news broke, I was bombarded with people telling me just how many programs he wants cut and how much he is increasing the national debt. It's too bad everyone has a cell phone nowadays otherwise I would give all of you a quarter to call someone who cares.

The most common complaint I get from people concerning the budget is about everything he is "cutting." The budget not only involves cuts, but also reforms and reductions of over 150 non-security discretionary programs. Doing this will save around \$20 billion in 2006. Bush has made his policy clear: if the program isn't holding its own, it's getting reformed, reduced or axed. Simple and easy.

I have to agree with Bush. If we are going to reduce this massive deficit we have to start with sacrifices. It makes perfect sense that he should reduce these programs if their progress has been inadequate. If you have a hard time swallowing this, here's an example: would you let a person with no arms play on your football team? No. Tell them good hustle and pat them

on the back, but if you can't produce, you're off the team.

The Bush administration will be cutting about \$20 billion worth of domestic programs in the U.S. in fiscal year 2006. The *Washington Post* says Bush's proposed budget is upwards of \$2.5 trillion for 2006.

Here is a rundown of some of the key reforms, reductions and cuts.

According to an article from the February 22 edition of the *Washington Post*, the budget will shrink slightly due to a proposed 8 percent reduction in education spending. High school programs are seeing a \$2.17 billion reduction this year. I like this cut. I don't think high schools deserve much more money given many students' lack of effort and declining test scores. High school is too easy as it is and we have wasted enough money on creating programs to help those kids who can't pass the "standards." The standards are so easy I could pass them in my sleep. If you can't pass them, your parents should slap you. If districts want to make their schools more aesthetically appealing, like having a three level parking ramp for students and faculty, I think this would be more acceptable because it would benefit most everyone.

Agriculture spending will also be seeing a drop this year. Looks like a 15 percent decrease. I know the im-

pact of agriculture extends beyond the farm, but how many people actually farm these days anyway? The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) says about 9 percent of the rural population is actually farm dependent. Some money spent last year on the USDA was for "watershed and flood prevention." You're kidding me. Floods can be deadly to a farm, but they are preventable. How, you ask? Don't farm in floodplains. That saves a cool \$75 million right there.

The same *Washington Post* article from February 22 shows the U.S. Department of Energy Environmental Management (EM) is also losing out on funding. Under Bush's proposed budget, they will be feeling the effects of a \$549 million loss this year. Look a little deeper, and you'll see that EM still has \$6.5 billion to spend keeping our environment clean, and whatnot. We can make up for that missing \$549 million by taking care of the environment ourselves. Recycle, reduce, reuse, people.

President Bush is making a huge amount of reforms, reductions and cuts for fiscal year 2006, over 150; that doesn't need to be said again. But before you begin to protest his budget and get caught up in what changes he is making think about what he is saving. Bush's plan is to save about \$20

billion in 2006 alone. According to a table from *Washington Post*, his goal will be realized in 2010 when the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) deficit drops from 3.5 percent now to less than 1.5 percent. He will be reducing a deficit of over \$400 billion in 2005 to a little over \$200 billion in 2010. It is too painfully obvious that not sacrificing insufficient programs would throw us in even more debt.

Personally, I believe Bush is spending too much money as is. I would be for even more cuts if it were at all possible. This debt that he is working on is not going away forever, my friends. It is our generation that will have to pay for all of it. Let's face it, the baby boomers aren't getting any younger. We will be paying their social security and health care (which will be through the roof) and digging them out of the debt they created. If we can start now to reduce this massive debt, let's do it. If that means dropping unsatisfactory programs, then so be it. Our generation will have enough of a mess to clean up, so let's all lighten the load while we have the chance.

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Modern dance: *the good, the bad and the really, really ugly*

By ERIC SIMON
STAFF REPORTER

Some friends asked me if I wanted to go dancing the other night. My immediate response was, "I can't dance." They decided to probe me (with probes) to ascertain *why* I couldn't dance, but I finally admitted that I "couldn't" dance because, quite frankly, I find the modern dance world to be an unfunny joke.

Let's face it: in the past 50 years the "cuttin' a rug trend" hasn't delivered anything that makes people go, "yay!" The huge dance crazes that *have* swept across the planet are much like the Macarena - corny, sad and addictive. You know you did it, but unless there's videotape evidence you'll deny it until your dying day.

One of the more recent contributions to getting jiggy with it is, of course, Riverdance. Ah, the craze that continues to sweep the nation. In case you've missed the Riverdance revolution, let's take a brief look into the finer details:

Step one: tight pants... *really* tight pants...really tight, revealing pants. **Step two:** men must wear frilly pirate shirts or no shirt at all. **Step three:** the lead dancer is required to wear a headband (this way, if the other dancers get confused amidst the twirling they have one person to blame.) **Step four:** arms must be placed at

the sides, on the shoulders of fellow Riverdancers or on the hips. (Arms may not deviate from these positions so as to not poke someone's eye out.) **Step five:** the most important step - flail the feet wildly. (Feet must never rise above the knee. Those Irishmen wouldn't want to kick someone in the groin and end up on America's Funniest Videos.)

The human race has also decided to boogie with the ever-popular country line dance. There are only two possible explanations for this atrocity - some fascist walked into a bar, saw people dancing differently from one another and went ape shit until they started taking orders, or some cowboy with an inappropriate love of Simon Says found a way to work the game into their everyday life.

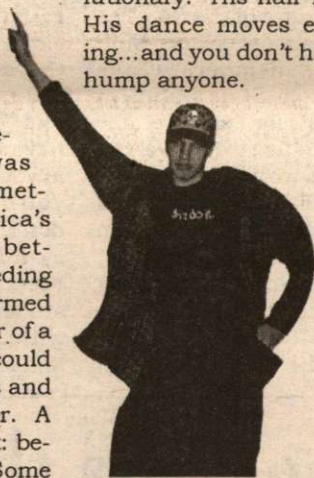
However, coordinated European dances and redneck jams are not the only cringe-worthy methods of getting down with one's bad self.

The mosh pit was tossed into the mix a decade or so ago and was first discovered when metal-heads realized Metallica's music sounded much better when they were bleeding from the ears. They formed small groups in the center of a smoky crowd where they could beat each other senseless and rub sweat on one another. A drawback of the mosh pit: being trampled to death. Some

people say moshing isn't even dancing, but to them I say bollocks! I mainly say bollocks because I can't think of any other logical argument. Leave me alone.

Today, you're familiar with the nauseating bump-and-grind. For a close look at this dance (probably too close), simply watch MTV or go to Stargate in Superior. This form of "dance" is really a competition where dance partners attempt to dry hump each other to death. My theory is that if you must hump, hump at home. If you're the kind of person who enjoys a challenge, try walking through the Stargate dance floor without being humped once. Go ahead, I dare you.

If you love to rock out but lack the same skills as the aforementioned, watch Conan O'Brien. His moves are revolutionary. His hair is insane. His dance moves entertaining...and you don't have to dry hump anyone.



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Salutations, Terry

Necessary advice for everyday living

Terry,

I am a smoker who implements all sorts of entrances around UMD to feed my addiction. I have noticed that the outside door between Bohannon 90 and the Tweed has a sign: "Do Not Smoke By This Entrance," but there are two cigarette receptacles right next to the door. If they don't want us smoking by this entrance, why put a place for our butts?

Living Life Through A Filter

Howdy, LLTF,

I don't poison my bodily temple with carcinogens, so I've never seen the "Do Not Smoke..." sign in the Boh/Tweed smokers' pit. I'm shooting in the dark with my answer to your question, so give me some slack.

I have decided that the sign

is placed in the outdoor vestibule area as a means of entertainment for the UMD custodial staff, plain and simple.

There are dirty ass ashtrays in which to extinguish your smoking death stick, but how can you utilize them if you cannot smoke near them? That's precisely what's entertaining to the facilities workers (or whatever politically correct term they go by these days).

I imagine they sit in some dark area near the ciggy port you're talking about, giggling and sneering at the reactions they get from puffers like you. They all squat in a row and bite their nails with excitement as the 20-something Marlboro totin' kids look from the sign to the ash trays and back again, over and over. A young, badly-shaven, bewildered face leaking smoke is pretty damn hilarious to the custodians.

I could be way off on my guess with this one, LLTF, but it's the most sinister answer I could think of for you. Don't hold a grudge against the facilities folks, though. After years of shoveling up beer boxes and puke, and cleaning out sanitary cans in women's bathrooms, they have to derive pleasure from something. I'm not in the least bit upset that that something is you.

Salutations,
Terry

P.S. Cigarettes are over-priced and deadly, anyway. You should quit.

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Random Genius: Weird Phobias

Arachibutyrophobia - Fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth.

Paraskavedekatriaphobia - Fear of Friday the 13th.

Didaskaleinophobia - Fear of going to school.

Panophobia - Fear of everything.

Papaphobia - Fear of the Pope.

Definitions found at <http://www.indianchild.com> under Amazing Facts.

Top Ten Ways To Make School Less Boring

By Amy Forsell

10. Carry your iPod with you everywhere. Wait, you spoiled brats already do that. Life is good.
9. Create your own club - a Domino Appreciation Club, Ninja Turtle Role Play Club or Sadistic Martha Stewart Fan Club are some possibilities.
8. Wear one of those monster foam cowboy hats every day.
7. Every time you buy lunch at the food court, throw a fit at the cash register like it's your first time there and you're flabbergasted at the prices.
6. Wear Zubas every other day.
5. Walk to class in a zigzag pattern making airplane noises.
4. Make it a point to argue with every single table outside the Bookstore...daily.
3. Buy coffee at the stupid coffee shop and spill it as you're walking out...every time. Act like you weren't expecting it to happen. See if anyone runs to help you.
2. Put a "Wide Load" reflective sticker on your backpack and listen to people's reactions. If they laugh, turn around, cry a little and say nothing.
1. Try to find the Chancellor. It would be helpful to wear a ninja suit and carry a bunch of equipment and stuff around your waist.



CHRIS BEEKMANN

CONGRATS, CHRIS BEEKMANN!

You managed to outsmart the Humor section! You know movie quotes better than us, damn it!

Anyone else superior with movie quotes? Send them to fors0201@d.umn.edu and see if you can stump us.

Undecided

by: Trevor Klueg
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Well, the semester is more than half done, folks. I think I'll take this time to review valuable information I have gathered in college so far...



1.) The theater department is in no way related to a board of directors.



2.) dorm room prostitutes do not accept U-cards as a payment option.



3.) After Spring Break, no one cares any more.



True stories from the Info Desk

By ANN PERKINS
STAFF REPORTER

If you need directions, can't find your shoes or wonder about upcoming schedules for on-campus meetings, stop by the Kirby Information Desk on the first floor of Kirby Plaza.

The staff members have their fingers on the pulse of the school and have been trained to answer thousands of questions. Despite their training, staff members occasionally hear humorous, unusual and even frightening questions from equally humorous, unusual and frightening individuals.

For example, the staff nicknamed one infamous caller "the brown bag man." He would call a few times a week inquiring about when and where the brown bag lectures were being held on campus.

"If you can't give him the answer in one second, he'll hang up on you," said Erin Hawkins, the student manager at the Info Desk. "He asks, 'Is there a lecture on campus today?' On any given day there can be up to five lectures on campus."

The calls eventually decreased, but the desk still receives periodic calls from "the brown bag man."

Hawkins said there have been other instances when out-of-the-ordinary events have occurred.



TONY MARQUARDT/PHOTO EDITOR

The Kirby Information Desk staff answers thousands of questions on numerous topics every day. Naturally, they have had their share of humorous questions and experiences.

"It's always interesting," Hawkins said. "Most of the time it is just a normal day, but you never know."

In another case, a male called to ask for the names of any transvestite professors on campus.

"It could have been for legitimate reasons," Hawkins said. "Or it could have been used in a negative way. As I directed him to the GLBT ser-

vices, he wanted to know how I felt students would feel about a transvestite on campus."

She told him UMD has a diverse campus.

Not only does the desk receive unpredictable calls from folks, it also receives a fair amount of random visits.

One fellow wearing a trench coat approached the desk and asked Hawkins for a pair of scissors. He proceeded to cut

his coat into strips, while he stood in front of her. He returned the scissors and then asked to borrow duct tape.

"He was very odd," she said. "I wondered if he should even be using scissors."

There is another male who comes just to stare at the tacked up artwork on the wall behind the counter of the Info Desk, said staff member Raphael Tiller. He said he

thought that was 'pretty unusual behavior.

He also said that it was strange to observe people walking by the desk late at night, especially those who have spent their entire day on campus.

"There's people running around who you can tell have been here all day, that's pretty weird," Tiller said.

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Hawkins named Student Employee of the Year

By HEATHER TROW
STAFF REPORTER

The hard work UMD student Erin Hawkins has put in this year has paid off. Hawkins has been named UMD's Student Employee of the Year for her work as the manager of the Kirby Information Desk.

The National Association of Student Employment Administrators developed the Student Employee of the Year Award to promote student employment as an educational opportunity that will benefit students in their future careers.

"Students are nominated for the award by staff members in their departments," said Hawkins. "I was nominated by Mary Jo Bowman, Laura Young, Verna Richardson and Kimberly Buston, who all work in the Kirby Student Center. These ladies are absolutely wonderful and I wouldn't be able to perform my job half as well without them. I feel like I have four extra moms who are always supporting me and looking out for me, as well as being professional role models. I will miss them very much when I graduate."

Hawkins, a senior Communication major with two minors - Journalism and Information

Design - has been working at the Info Desk since the end of her freshman year. She was promoted to her managerial position at the end of her sophomore year and also works two other jobs as a baby sitter and an intern at the Richard I. Bong WWII Heritage Center in Superior, Wis.

Hawkins has put her organizational and communication skills to work at the Info Desk over the past two and a half years.

"My responsibilities include supervising and training other 'desklers,' keeping track of the lost and found, ordering and keeping the newspapers supplied and organizing and keeping up on all of the events happening on campus," said Hawkins. "I run our staff meetings and do all the scheduling for the desk. I ensure that policies and procedures are being followed correctly."

Hawkins' favorite part about working at the Info Desk is associated with her major.

"I've made a lot of friends while working at the Info Desk and have gotten to know a lot about campus," said Hawkins. "I guess the best part is knowing that every day when I'm going to work

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TONY MARQUARDT/PHOTO EDITOR

Senior Erin Hawkins, manager of the Info Desk, is the student employee of the year.

Students host no-rules improv show

By KIEREN SELL
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Fans of improvisation comedy and shows like "Whose Line is it Anyway?" can get their fill of laughter and fun from "Big American Party," an improv comedy show put on by seven UMD Theatre students.

The show will consist of

games chosen by audience members that the actors then take and run with.

"There are no rules," said Damon Brook, a member of the production, in an e-mail interview. "Our audience will provide ideas, and we will create scenes on the fly. Audience participation is a

must; audience members will not only provide suggestions, such as which characters are part of a scene and where the scene takes place, but will also choose the games the performers will play."

While the production sounds similar to shows like "Whose Line," the performers

are trying to make it a lot different. The audience in "Big American Party" will have complete control over what kind of things the actors will be doing. The students are also trying to include different types of improv than people have seen in other shows called "Long Form" improv.

"This is improv at its purest," said Brook. "The audience gives a broad theme or topic and the actors simply act. It turns into a free-for-all of comedy. It's the acting equivalent of a garage band jamming."

The UMD Department of Theatre offers improv classes and taking these classes sparked the idea for the students to put together a show. After seeing other shows, they wanted to put on a good show that people can really get into.

"We've seen a lot of improv shows that have dozens of performers; we didn't think that was particularly exciting or interesting," said Brook. "We've

also seen shows with a half-dozen or so performers that are so exciting, fast-paced and full of energy we nearly peed our pants laughing. We aimed for the latter."

Audience members cannot only expect to play an important role in the production, but can also anticipate laughing a lot. The feel of the show is upbeat and light, making it easy for the audience members and performers to really be involved in it.

"Improv is good for the soul," said Zach Pizza, another UMD student performer. "You'll laugh and have a good time. There's nothing like the feeling of being out of breath from laughing. It puts you in a good mood."

"It's cheap; it's fun and you will laugh," said Brooks. "If not with us, then at least at us."

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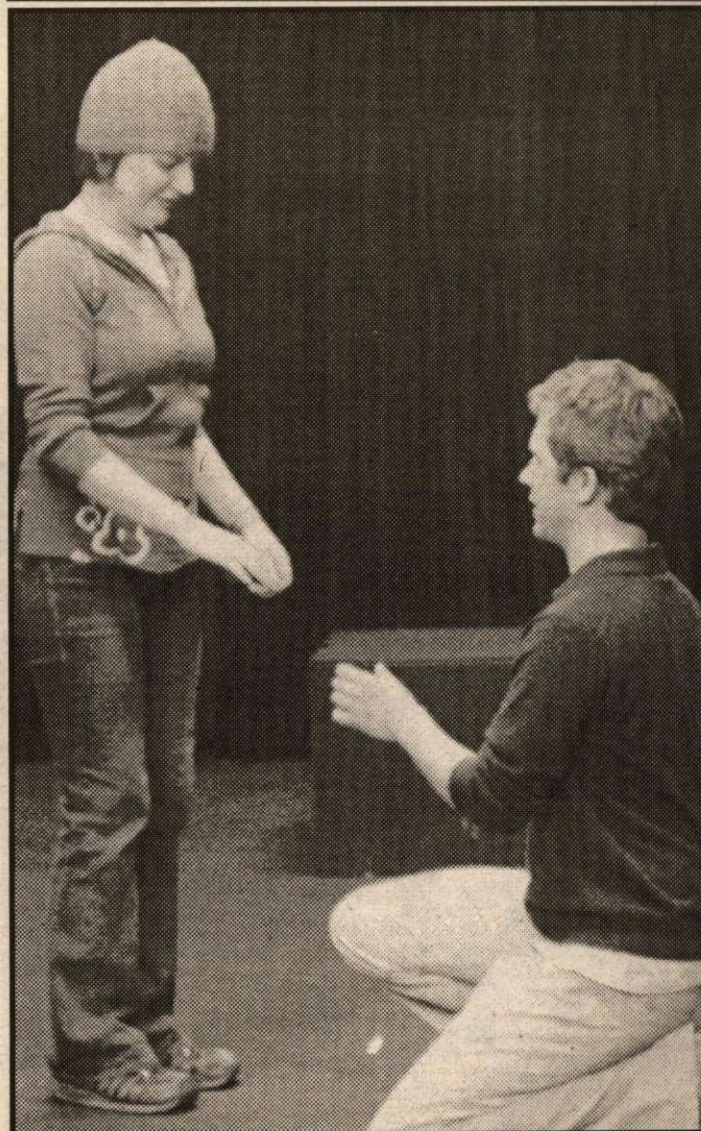
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Sarah Babk and Damon Brook practice a game that may be used in their improv show.

Shabby Duluth home to get makeover

By RACHEL SKELTON
STAFF REPORTER

Americans can't seem to get enough of home makeover TV shows like "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" and "Trading Spaces," and this spring, following the same lines of such popular programs, Duluthians have the opportunity to enter and select the winner of the "Desperate Interiors" Makeover Contest.

The mastermind behind this creative contest is decorative artist Kathy Boyd of KB Designs.

"I wanted to shake things up in the Twin Ports," said Boyd.

The idea came to Boyd after she was contacted by two separate production companies looking for a host for new Home and Garden TV shows.

"I thought it would be a lot of fun to introduce a makeover type event here in Duluth," said Boyd.

She recruited her friend, Lori Franklin of Peasantworks, to work with her on the contest. The pair approached *Duluth News Tribune* Feature Editor Connie Wirta with the idea, and the "Desperate Interiors" Makeover contest was launched in the March 12 edition of the newspaper.

Readers were invited to nominate a living room family room in the Duluth area that they deemed worthy of receiving a complete makeover from two professional interior decorators. Applicants

were required to fill out an entry form, compose an essay of 100 words or less on why they considered their room a 'desperate interior' and submit photos or a video of the nominated room.

"So many people want room makeovers, and we plan to do everything for the winner," said Boyd. "There are many reasons why people have rooms that they consider desperate. For example, sometimes kids transform the family room into their toy dumping ground and other times couples just can't agree on how to

decorate their living room."

The contest was flooded with nearly 90 entries, which will be whittled down to just four finalists by the panel of judges composed of Boyd, Franklin, Wirta and Home & Garden writer Candace Renalls.

The judges will take into consideration the content of the essay, in addition to the use of space, color, design elements and furnishings in the room. The finalists, along with their photos, will appear in the Home & Garden section of the Saturday,

April 16 edition of the *Duluth News Tribune*. After that, the designers will get to work with their floor-to-ceiling transformation.

"We'll provide professional advice and work with the winner to achieve a room that they will really love," said Boyd. "We take into consideration their likes and dislikes, personal style and what the room is used for."

Not only will the lucky winner receive a free room makeover with all new furnishings and accessories by two professionals with a \$5,000 budget,

but their room will also be featured in the May 21 issue of the *Duluth News Tribune*.

Check out the *Duluth News Tribune* on Saturday, April 2, and vote for the room you believe is in the direst need for a makeover. For more information or for a complete list of rules, visit www.duluthnews-tribune.com.

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Art students put spin on Tweed show

Tweed interns analyze and respond to '9 Months in America'

By **KELLEY BLOMBERG**
STAFF REPORTER

Four UMD art students, currently interning at the Tweed, were given the opportunity to create a show

in response to Wing Young Huie's current Tweed exhibit, "9 Months in America."

The students analyzed Huie's exhibit through their own opinions and work, enti-

tled "A Ready Dialogue: A Thematic Response to 9 Months in America."

The four students responsible for the exhibit were Savannah Villa, Andrew Cumings,

Anne Kaminsky and Joseph Sand. They spent just three weeks putting together their exhibit in response to Huie's work, which had been the dominating Tweed exhibit since mid-January of this year.

In the time they were given, the interns had to conceptualize and execute their ideas for the show. After their hard work and perseverance at putting together thoughtful responses to Huie's show, the exhibit was opened for viewing on March 8.

"We had about three weeks to pull it together," said Villa, a UMD sophomore. "We chose pieces from the permanent collection and had to logically relate them to various themes we decided on in relation to Wing's show."

Tweed Museum Curator, Peter Spooner, originally pro-

posed the project to the interns. Within the short span of time given to them, the students chose themes in which to relate Huie's show to, framed the pieces for exhibit and decided where to place the pieces in the gallery.

Containing paintings, sculptures, drawings and written statements done by each intern, the exhibit offers a few different viewpoints on Huie's work.

"I hope that people enjoy the show and the museum," said Villa. "I hope people are able to make connections between the two shows and their own lives."

The show runs through April 9 and provides viewers of Huie's previous show a unique supplement.

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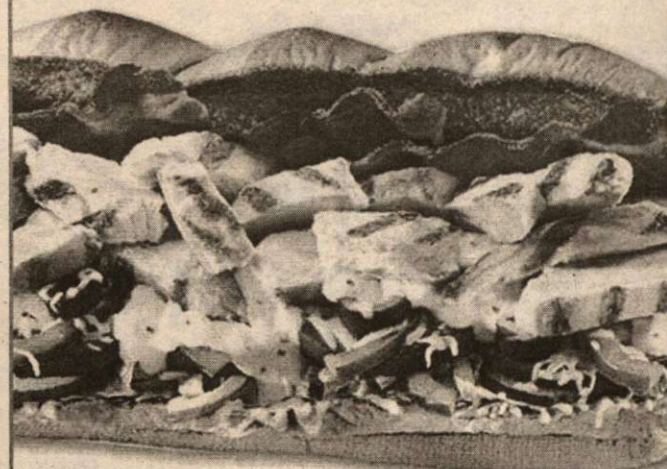
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SUBWAY

'Robots' lacks nuts and bolts of good comedy

By **MIKE DUBEROWSKI**
STAFF REPORTER

It starts out promising. A soon-to-be-father robot runs down the street, filled with excitement as he announces to the world that his son will soon be delivered.

It's not a normal child delivery, but rather a delivery from the mailman. Fortunately, the father still gets to help out with the best part: the assembling. And, "after hours of labor," the baby, Rodney Copperbottom, is finally complete.

As Rodney (voiced by Ewan McGregor) grows older, he is forced to wear hand-me-down parts from relatives, including some tin from a female cousin.

His loving family would like to offer him better parts, but his father is a dishwasher, literally, so they simply cannot afford it.

Despite his low-class rank, Rodney has big dreams of working for Bigweld, the most famous inventor in Robot City.

After he is fired from his job as a dish boy, Rodney decides to follow his dreams. He buys a one-way ticket to Robot City, a metropolis where the rich get richer and the poor get melted down.

Soon after arriving in the city, Rodney meets Fender

(voiced by Robin Williams), an obnoxious, rusty robot who has a few screws loose.

Normally, Fender would have his loose bolts fixed at Bigweld Industries, but the business recently was taken over by Ratchet (voiced by Greg Kinnear), an evil businessman who refuses to sell used parts because he can make more money selling new, top-of-the-line sets.

Fender, along with many other local robots, cannot afford to get a new, shiny upgrade and is afraid that they will be melted down if they are not fixed. Fortunately, for them, wiz-bot Rodney is able to fix everyone up using a few basic street scraps.

Rodney spends much of the next few days fixing broken robots, much to the discontent of Ratchet. In a robot world this leads to one thing: war.

As far as animated storylines go, "Robots" is fairly simple and ordinary. It lacks the adventure of "The Incredibles" and the humor of "Shrek."

Many of the film's biggest laughs can only be appreciated by small children, such as in the repeated gas jokes.

Most of "Robots" seems to be aimed toward young

children. It's too sappy to be appreciated by teenagers and too jumpy to be enjoyed by most adults.

Many of the story's jokes seem unfitting, as though the scene was added simply for the single joke, and the payoff is surrendered.

Williams, who was memorable as the Genie in "Aladdin," is

neither funny nor interesting here.

One thing that can easily be appreciated in "Robots" is the brilliant background detail. The film feels like a "How Things Work" book mixed with the "Sim City" computer games.

Although the graphics are quite fascinating, background

detail is not enough to keep anyone entertained for an hour and a half. Much like Rodney's parts, "Robots" feels recycled, dull and unable to afford a shiny coating.

Grade: C

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UMD picks the top 10 movies of the '90s

By MIKE DUBEROWSKI
STAFF REPORTER

What are the best movies of the '90s? I asked and you answered. More than 20 people sent in their picks of the films that defined our generation. Your rankings were then compiled into a point system (15 points for first place, 14 for second and so on) and an overall list was compiled. Here are the top 10 movies of the '90s, picked by you. Some of the results may surprise you.

1. "Braveheart" (1995)

Some critics still question whether or not "Braveheart" deserved the Best Picture® award in 1996. UMD students would never ask such a foolish question. "Braveheart" knocked out the competition with your responses and received more number one votes than any other film. With its uplifting speeches, heart-pounding battles, tragic romance and tear-jerking finish, "Braveheart" is a modern-day epic masterpiece.

2. "Pulp Fiction" (1994)

Posters of Quentin Tarantino's "Reservoir Dogs" are common in college dorms. But, as our poll results show, "Pulp Fiction" is the top Tarantino film of choice on campus. With its stylish direction, dark humor and intriguing characters, it's easy to see why "Pulp Fiction" is often imitated by movies like "21 Grams." But you and I seem to agree: "Pulp" may be imitated but it will never be duplicated.

3. "Forrest Gump" (1994)

"Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get." Movies are also like a box of chocolates, but in 1994, we got a film that was sweeter than all the chocolate in the world.

4. "Schindler's List" (1993)

Steven Spielberg's masterpiece is so flawless and heartbreaking that it is unimaginable to deny it a top 10 spot on such a list. I'm glad you agree.

5. "Fargo" (1996)

I was afraid you'd disagree. I thought you would despise the Coen brothers for the unrealistic accents, but as your votes indicate, you love the dark humor behind this twisted murder mystery.

6. "Magnolia" (1999)

I didn't think anyone had even heard of this movie, nor did I think many would like it. You proved me wrong by voting for Paul Thomas Anderson's unforgettable Los Angeles drama that intertwines the lives of several people who are looking for forgiveness.

7. "The Big Lebowski" (1998)

The Minnesota-born Coen brothers will likely always be remembered for their Best Picture®-nominated "Fargo," but if your votes are any

indication, their best picture may just be the film that has Jesus bowling.

8. "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994)

Somehow, I was unable to find room for Frank Darabont's beautifully narrated prison drama, "The Shawshank Redemption," on my top 10 list. Fortunately, readers gave it the due it deserved.

9. "Saving Private Ryan" (1998)

Much like "Schindler's List," "Saving Private Ryan" is a film that is too perfect and important to deny a spot on such a list. "Ryan" should go down in history as the most accurate war film ever released.

10. "Good Will Hunting" (1997)

How did I leave the greatest college-related movie of all-time off my list? Apparently, I'm not as thoughtful as Will Hunting, the unmotivated math genius star of Gus Van Sant's touching drama.

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INFO DESK: Staff deals with bizarre late night visitors

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While these characters provide some color to working at the desk, a few visitors have brought serious concern to the staff and the Campus Police had to be contacted.

Two reports of campus masturbation were brought to the Info Desk and were redirected to the Campus Police, Hawkins said.

They also had to be called a few winters ago, when staff working at the desk in the later hours of the evening noticed a man who was believed to be homeless.

According to Hawkins, these cases are exceptions, but since the Info Desk is open until 10 p.m., when there are few other people on campus, the desk staff is susceptible to some unusual occurrences.

"It's not like we have to call the police a lot," Hawkins said. "But, if you want to hear the most unusual stories, those are the ones."

The Information Desk also serves as the official campus lost and found and some interesting items have been brought in through the years. Most of the items turned in are men's clothes, jackets and single

shoes. On the day Hawkins was interviewed, a pair of ski boots and a towel were in the lost and found. Found items are kept for a semester and then they are donated to charity.

One of Hawkins' co-workers once discovered a woman's thong lying in the middle of the hall in front of the Info Desk. That item was disposed of, Hawkins said.

Besides being the lost and found, the Info Desk is responsible for posters in the sites on campus designated "approved posting area." In these areas the posters must be sponsored by a campus organization before they are stamped for approval.

According to Hawkins, some people do not understand why posters in the approved posting areas must receive the Info Desk's stamp of approval for verification.

"We have gotten yelled at by people who have gotten really angry having their materials removed," Hawkins said. "We had one girl who said we 'did not have the right to destroy other people's rights and passions.'"

These occurrences are infrequent and most of those connected to campus are respectful to the Info Desk staff.

In addition to all of these things, the staff makes change for cash and checks and sells newspapers including the *Star Tribune* and *New York Times*.

The Kirby Information Desk is open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

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EMPLOYEE: Info Desk keeps Hawkins busy and entertained

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there are going to be people around that make me laugh. There is always something new happening here, which keeps things exciting. We get asked some crazy questions and meet a lot of interesting

people and I always seem to come across a new challenge. I like interacting with customers and learning more about them. Not everybody is lucky enough to have a job that they honestly enjoy."

Hawkins' job as a manger isn't always easy, especially because she is still a student.

"It was initially very hard for me to have to 'boss around' my peers, but I have found that you have to have a good balance between being friends and being co-workers in order to be taken seriously. I've also worked really hard to help keep

information up-to-date and make the Info Desk a good resource for people on campus and in the community. I hate losing staff members when they graduate or transfer because I really miss them when they leave."

Hawkins will graduate in May and plans to move to the cities in June with a group of friends to try and find a job.

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"The Shop on Main Street"
Baeumler-Kaplan Holocaust
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Saturday, 4.2.05

"The Grey Zone"
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7 p.m.
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Sunday, 4.3.05

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Baeumler-Kaplan Holocaust
Commemoration Film Series
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Monday, 4.4.05

"The New Rulers of the
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Human Rights Week Film
Festival
2 - 4 p.m.
Kirby Student Center 273

Tuesday, 4.5.05

Buzz Sutherland with
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10 p.m.
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Kirby Ballroom

World Music Concert
UMD Percussion Ensemble
7:30 p.m.
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Weber Music Hall

"War Babies"
Human Rights Week Film
Festival
4 - 6 p.m.
Kirby Student Center 273

Wednesday, 4.6.05

Cowboy Curtis
10 p.m.
Kirby Rafters

Ovation Guest Artist Series:
Assad Brothers
7:30 p.m.
\$25/\$20/\$15
Weber Music Hall

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Human Rights Week Film
Festival
2 - 4 p.m.
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OFF CAMPUS

Thursday, 3.31.05

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Friday, 4.1.05

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BASEBALL

Baseball enjoys fun in the sun

By PATRICK BRANNAN
STAFF REPORTER

The UMD baseball team headed south over Spring Break to Fort Meyers, Fla., to compete in 11 games. The Bulldogs boarded a bus and took the 30 hour trip to play against teams such as Franklin Pierce, Hillsdale College and Wayne State where they finished with five wins and six losses for the week.

"It would have been nice to fly," said junior Greg Aker. "We played a lot of cards and slept a ton to help make the night go by faster."

The team started off slow losing its first three games. However, the team turned it around and finished the trip with five wins in their last eight games.

"We started off slow but picked it up by the end of the trip," said Aker. "As a team we are starting to find our groove."

The Franklin Pierce Ravens who the team played four times in Florida, is a top 20 team every year with their power and hitting ability. The Bulldogs split the four games against the Ravens.

According to Aker, the team had been working hard on their fundamental baseball skills, before their trip.

"We were working on the small things," said Aker. "Bunting guys over, moving guys around the bases and knocking them in when we

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Bulldogs lose in NCAA Tournament

By MATTHEW SAUTER
STAFF REPORTER

After six straight wins in the NCAA tournament, including three national championships, the UMD women's hockey team suffered their first ever loss in tournament play against St. Lawrence, 2-3 in overtime, ending their 2005 season.

"They definitely came out strong," said sophomore forward Allison Lehrke. "They were probably one of the most physical teams we played all season."

Friday, March 18, Duluth (26-5-2) was set to battle St. Lawrence University (26-7-5) for a bid to the Frozen Four.

UMD, since making the tournament five years ago, has won the national championship each year they received an invitation, which was three of the last five tournaments.

Friday's tournament loss marks a first for UMD, something not many of the Bulldog players are used to as seven of the current women have played on one of the UMD championship teams.

The last five years have brought an abundance of success, including last year when UMD missed an NCAA bid by one place. This year's success proved no different in a WCHA conference stacked with great teams.

St. Lawrence got up on the Bulldogs early as they slipped one past this year's USCHO.com's Most Improved Player Award Winner, sophomore goalie Riitta Schaublin.

Schaublin, awarded the USCHO.com's Defensive Player of the Week a record three times this season, improved her goal against average by more than



Julianne Vasichek and Noemie Marin try to score the winning goal during overtime of the NCAA game against St. Lawrence.

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a goal compared to last year. This year she was ranked first nationally in save percentage (.942) and third nationally in goals allowed against with 1.51.

The Bulldogs would not remain down long, as Noemie Marin tipped Caroline Ouellette's shot, knotting the score at one.

Ouellette was one of the final three in hopes for the 2005 Patty Kazmaier Award, the end of the season trophy given to not only the best athlete but also for character.

Ouellette lost the award to Minnesota's Krissy Wendell but her award cabinet will not go empty.

"She showed up everyday,"

said Lehrke. "She set the standard for work ethic and was a complete role model."

Ouellette, a senior, has made quite a mark on this UMD team. She has been named to the All-Western Collegiate Hockey Association First Team the past two years. This year the UMD captain finished leading the team in points (67), goals (28) and assists (39).

Ouellette was also awarded the Sportsmanship Award, well deserved for a player who led the team in points.

The game regained control to the St. Lawrence side as they took the lead in the second, but again the Bulldogs would tie the game as Ouellette took St. Lawrence five hole.

Though both teams jockeyed back and forth the game became very defensive as neither team wanted to relinquish the tie; regulation would end 2-2.

"We had a lot of opportunities," said Lehrke. "We just didn't capitalize and they did."

It would take a defensive lapse for St. Lawrence to seal the deal in overtime. St. Lawrence stole the puck and scored, ending any hopes for the Bulldogs.

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STATESMAN FILE PHOTO

The UMD softball team holds a 10-11 overall record this spring and will resume play this Friday when they take on Missouri Western State University in Omaha, Neb.

SOFTBALL

Softball team works hard during break

By PATRICK BRANNAN
STAFF REPORTER

The UMD softball team traveled to Orlando, Fla., over Spring Break for some extra practice, some short scrimmages and even some time bonding as a team.

The bonding began early in the trip as they were grounded on the runway of the Minneapolis airport for over two hours due to the bad snow storm that pummeled the Cities the Friday before break.

In Florida the Bulldogs played schools from the West to the East Coast. The team finished with five wins and seven losses but the record does not tell the whole story according to Coach Bill Haller.

"We were 5-7 but played much better than the record

indicates," said Haller. "We out hit all but one opponent, and were in every game we played."

"The Florida trip for us is our first time touching dirt since the fall," added senior Lindsey Lundeen. "I thought we competed very well."

The Bulldogs started with four close losses but rebounded to win five of the next eight games. They played Pace University (in New York) three times throughout the week and won every game. They also put a number of quality wins together against Northwest Missouri State and West Virginia Wesleyan.

Before leaving for Florida, the team had been working on hitting a lot and it showed during the trip.

The Bulldogs had over 12 hits during the 12 games they played.

Two things the Bulldogs feel they still need to work on is not leaving runners stranded in scoring position and bunting. Both skills are something they feel they need to work on to help them play "small ball" better.

"The only part that I was not satisfied with was the way we bunted," said Haller. "We are working on this during the week and will be better at it in the future."

"We struggled with our bunting," added senior Jill Struck. "We even had early morning practices before our games to work on bunting."

Minimizing errors is another thing the team would like to

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UMD women receive All-American status

Ouellette, Vasichuk, Dietz continue to make a name for themselves

By AARON PRICE
SPORTS EDITOR

After a successful season of women's winter sports with strong wins and conference-leading records, three Bulldogs were awarded All-American Honors in 2005.

Two of UMD women's hockey players, seniors Caroline Ouellette and Julianne Vasichuk were honored this week with 2005 CCM All-American awards for their exceptional play this season.

Ouellette was awarded a spot on the All-American First Team. She was also named the 2005 WCHA Scholar-Athlete of the Year. She led the league with 28 goals and tied for second with 67 points.

Ouellette finished out her Bulldog career with 229 total points, good for third on the all-time point charts. She also finished second in the assist

column with 137 and fifth on the goals board with 97, all in just three seasons with UMD.

Vasichuk received a spot on the All-American Second Team. She was also named to the All-WCHA Second Team and ranked second in the league in scoring among defensemen with 28 points. Vasichuk finished the 2004-05 season with 30 points, a personal high. She finished her Bulldog career as the team's leading defenseman with a total of 77 points and 55 assists in 138 games played.

While almost all the women received high honors this year, Ouellette was fortunate enough to be in contention for one of the highest in women's hockey, the Patty Kazmaier Award. For her second year in a row, Ouellette made the top three finalists for the honor, but unfortunately, was not selected as the 2005 winner.

This is the third season that the Bulldogs have had a player in the top 3 for the best player in women's college hockey.

Another All-American Award was given last week to UMD basketball player Lindsey Dietz.

As the NCC's Most Valuable Player, Dietz, a junior, is the third player in UMD women's basketball history to be selected as an All-American, after Stacy Nelson (Daktronics Second Team; 1998-99) and Dina Kangas (NAIA First Team; 1989-90, 1990-91).

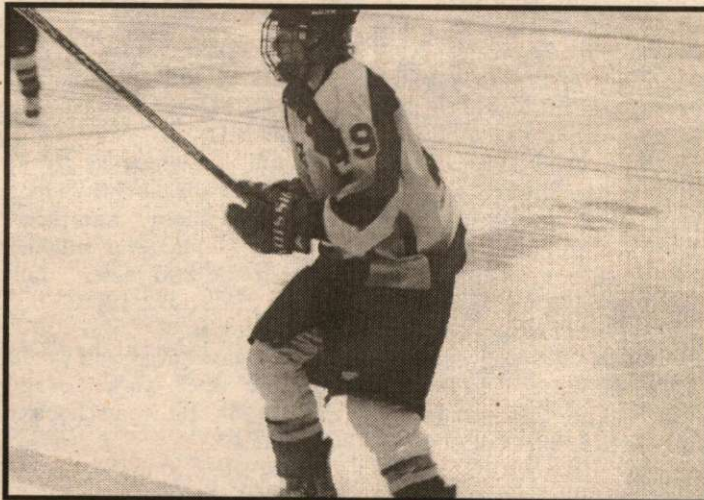
Dietz was selected as *ESPN The Magazine's* National Academic All-American of the Year earlier this season, leading the NCC in scoring with an average of 22.9 points-per-game. She also ranked second in the conference with 11.3 rebounds per game.

She currently rates as the University's fifth-leading scor-

er of all time with 1,606 points, and she secured several individual records at UMD in 2004-05. Dietz produced the third highest single-season scoring average in school history and finished as the second

Bulldog ever to post the team's highest scoring average in three straight seasons.

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Julianne Vasichuk ranked second in scoring among defensemen with 28 points in the WCHA.

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TRACK

One season ends, another begins

By STEVE DOMBECK
STAFF REPORTER

Plagued by illnesses and injuries in the indoor season, the University of Minnesota Duluth track team looks forward to beating challenges in the outdoor season.

So far the men have had a strong season. They finished the indoor half tied for fourth with North Dakota in the North Central Conference with 81 points. The strong finish left them just five points behind third place St. Cloud State. The women's team had a tougher time while finishing in sixth place with 42.5 points in the NCC.

Even though both teams finished in different places during the indoor season, Coach John Fulkrod still feels very confident in his teams and says that injuries played a major role in important areas so far this year.

"I think it went well," said Fulkrod referring to the first half. "We're looking to improve a little bit more. We need to get some people back from injuries and illness. It was a big factor for us."

Fulkrod said he would like to see the men's team move up a couple of places by working a little harder. He hopes that with the return of some key players, the men's team will indeed make that jump toward the top of the standings come May.

Senior runner Rob Winterfeld, now healthy, is coming back after missing much of the indoor season.

Along with Winterfeld, junior long jumper Nate Swenson will also be welcomed back. Swenson sat out the indoor season, but has redeemed

his eligibility for the outdoor season.

With Winterfeld and Swenson back in the Bulldogs lineup, the men's team looks stronger for the outdoor season.

On the women's side, senior Heather Hamilton hopes to build on her great season so far this year.

Hamilton competed at her first NCAA division II Indoor Track and Field Championships in March. She finished sixth in the 800-meter finals with a time of 2:12.78, her personal best.

"She did a great job," said Fulkrod. "She's worked really hard so far and we all hope it continues."

Last week, only two Bulldogs participated in the Wartburg Invitational in Waverly, Iowa which was technically the first week of the outdoor season.

Senior Josh Dark provisionally qualified in the Hammer Throw. Dark's toss of 181 feet 6 inches was just five feet short of the school's record, set last year. Freshman Tom Soldner, thrower, also participated in the competition.

The rest of the Bulldogs will kick off their outdoor half this Saturday in Pella, Iowa at the Central Invitational.

According to Fulkrod, the Bulldogs will use this event as a warm-up for the rest of the season.

"We're going to use it primarily as a workout type of meet," said Fulkrod. "It will give us a chance to get the kinks out, and let us see some new events."

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Twins say goodbye to a beloved announcer

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bob Casey, the only public-address announcer the Minnesota Twins have ever had, died early Sunday, his family said.

Casey, 79, died at the Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center after battling liver cancer and pneumonia, according to his son, Mike.

Casey worked 44 seasons and more than 3,000 games for the Twins. He had planned to retire this season, his son said.

"For 44 years, my dad got to work at 'The Yard.' That's not too bad," Mike said. "He had such a passion for baseball. ... He loved the (Twins) organization; he loved the people in it. That's all he wanted."

And the organization loved Casey right back. The Twins have dedicated the 2005 season to Casey, according to a

statement on the team's Web site.

"His voice was a trademark of the Minnesota ballpark experience for multiple generations of Upper Midwest baseball fans," the statement read. "Bob's unique (flair), style and signature player introductions made him a favorite of fans, players, umpires, the media and staff. His passion for the game, character and dedication to the Minnesota Twins franchise made him an icon."

Casey started announcing Twins games when the franchise moved to Minnesota from Washington, D.C., in 1961. He was inducted into the Twins' Hall of Fame in 2003.

Casey, who missed only a handful of Twins games, was known for his raspy voice and thundering delivery. He would introduce star Kirby Puckett

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compiled a .652 on-base percentage. She currently tops the 2005 Bulldogs with a strong .483 batting average.

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as "Kir-BEEEEEEEEEE PUCK-it!" and remind fans there was "Nooooooooooooooooo smoking" at the Metrodome.

Before the Twins moved to Minnesota, Casey served as P.A. announcer for the Minneapolis Millers, a Triple-A team in the old American Association, for 10 years. His career also included announcing gigs with the Minneapolis Lakers and the Minnesota Vikings.

Casey is survived by his wife, Rosemary; and three sons, Mike, Tom and Joe.

BASEBALL: Back to the fundamentals

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have them in scoring position."

So far this spring the team is being led offensively by Aker who is batting .500 with three doubles and seven runs batted in. As a team the Bulldogs are batting .296 with five homeruns and 81 runners batted in.

Opponents of UMD, however, are batting .315 with

14 homeruns and 94 runs batted in.

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get better at, which especially hurt during the spring scrimmages.

"Keeping the number of errors, both mental and physical down are things we need to work on," said Lundeen.

When the team got home they received good news that one of their own had been named the North Central Conference's Player of the Week. Lundeen batted an average of .543 (19 hits in 35 at bats) in 11 of the team's 12 games. She had two doubles, scored nine times and drove in eight runs during the week. Lundeen now owns a 16 game hitting streak that is three games shy of the all-time school mark set by AmyLou Ashe back in 1996.

Also during the Florida visit Lundeen batted out of the leadoff position where she also

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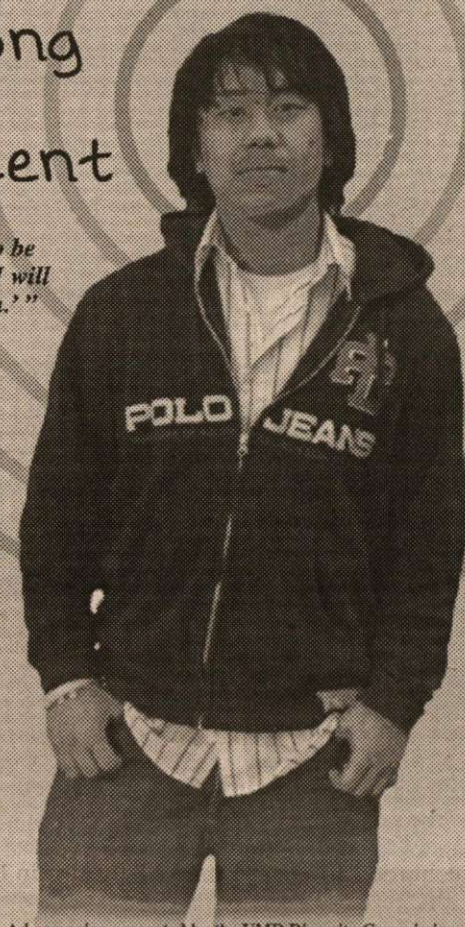
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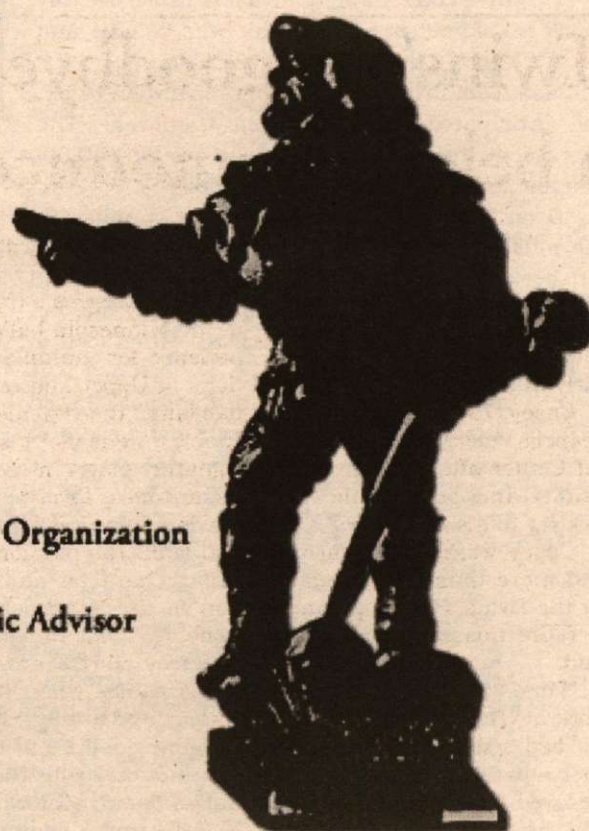
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'Great Race' takes more than just a sled

By AMBER GLAWE
STAFF WRITER

The 2005 Iditarod has officially come to a close. It began on Sunday, March 6, in Anchorage, Alaska. Ordinarily, the Iditarod would mean little to me, a busy UMD student. However, this year I have some family ties to the "Last Great Race."

The Iditarod Web site (www.iditarod.com) explains that during the Alaskan gold rush of the 1920s, prospectors and settlers used what is now known as the Iditarod Trail to travel across the territory. Dogsleds were the only viable form of wintertime travel and they became indispensable to many Alaskan settlements. Eventually, with the advent of the snowmobile, dogsleds lost their importance. The Iditarod Trail was nearly forgotten.

The modern Iditarod race, brainchild of the late Dorothy G. Page, is intended to preserve and honor that Alaskan dogsled heritage.

Today's Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race begins in Anchorage and finishes in Nome -- a total of over 1,000 miles. Usually about 65 mushers compete every year, depending on the snow conditions. A ceremonial 11-mile start begins on the streets of Anchorage and the following day mushers travel to the old Wasilla Airport (about 40 miles out of Anchorage) to begin their race to Nome. The fastest racers may come in after about 9-10 days, and the last finish in about 15 days.

The 2005 Iditarod has taken on new meaning for my family and me. My uncle, Steve Rasmussen, decided to make the journey. He placed 49th, finishing after 13 days on the trail with 10 dogs. Our entire family followed his race closely via Internet updates. Now why, exactly, would a person want to race a team of dogs across the frozen tundra? The answer is simple.

"My wife is trying to get rid of me. She made me go," said Rasmussen, laughing. "Actually, I did it because it's a challenge to race across Alaska with a team of dogs...this year, the dogs were old and strong enough, so I decided I'd give it a try."

"I'm sure I could have found a less expensive way to get rid of you, Steve," said his wife, Sandy. And she is correct -- the Iditarod is no cheap race.

Each team invests months of preparation before the anticipated departure from Anchorage. The average musher must come up with around \$40,000 to make the trip and pay for all supplies.

"Drop bags," containing food and supplies for the musher and his dogs, are assembled by each musher and dropped by the Iditarod Air Force at 23 checkpoints along the trail. Approximately one ton of stuff is flown in for each musher -- from food to dog booties.

Once mushers hit the trail, they are not allowed to have outside assistance or electronic devices of



COURTESY OF STEVE RASMUSSEN
Steve Rasmussen and his team of dogs finished the Iditarod race -- traversing over 1,000 miles of Alaskan wilderness -- in 13 days.

any kind until the race is over. That means no cell phones, no GPS systems -- nothing.

Rasmussen says that he was impressed by Alaskan hospitality throughout the course of the race.

"The elders of the villages were excited to see the big teams because it reminded them of the good ol' days," said Rasmussen. "And all the local kids would

come out to talk to you because there aren't too many tourists up there at this time of year. It's a really big deal. I think they might even schedule Spring Breaks around the race."

Mushers sleep either on the trail or at cabins along the way. Occasionally, they sleep in local schools or tribal council centers. Rasmussen camped along the trail three times, sleeping either in the sled or on the ground alongside the dogs. Sleep is a precious commodity for mushers, and most of the time the dogs get more rest than the people.

There are many rules and regulations involved, such as a mandatory 24-hour stop and two eight-hour mandatory stops for each musher. Each musher must carry a sleeping bag, an axe, a pair of snowshoes, eight booties for each dog on the sled, a three-gallon cooker, a veterinarian notebook and three bottles of Heet (cookstove fuel).

Mushers also carry a pistol to protect their teams from animals, such as moose and wolves. Rasmussen did not have to use his gun, but came close at one point when a porcupine waddled across the trail in front of his team.

Of course, careful care is given to the dedicated and hard-working stars of the race: the dogs. Each musher must care for his team very well or risk severe penalties. Dogs are not pushed to the brink of death and any dog deaths are accidental and avoided at all costs. It is crucial that the dogs get good rest.

"When you're on the trail, you mostly think about the dogs and taking care of them so they stay happy and healthy," Rasmussen said. "You end up worrying about the dogs a lot."

Mushers are allowed to take dogs out of the race, but they may not put the same ones back in. The sled dogs are given a pre-race medical exam to make sure that they are healthy enough to compete, and microchips are inserted into them to ensure that a musher cannot cheat. The dogs are given EKGs and blood screenings at this time, and if a dog is deemed unhealthy, it will not be allowed to race. And, just like in baseball, dogs are drug-screened as well.

Sled dogs are born to run; pulling a sled is in their nature. But just like human athletes, health problems can arise.

"It's no different than having that many humans together in one place. Accidents happen, people die of natural causes and so do dogs. The Boston Marathon has ambulances around for people and we have the veterinarians for the dogs," said Rasmussen.

When his largest dog got tired during the race, Rasmussen loaded the 65 lb. Siberian husky, Viper, onto the sled so he could rest. A few moments later, the sleeping dog fell off the sled and Rasmussen had to stop and get him situated again. This time, Viper fell asleep and snored for more than an hour.

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Early season fly-fishing: a colder angle on Spring Break

By KENT PAULSEN
STAFF WRITER

Every March, thousands of college students from the Twin Ports head south for Spring Break, searching for sun, booze and an escape from the realities of college life in Minnesota. Lacking the funds to make such a trip, I chose to spend my break wading through near-freezing water and whipping my fly rod around in southwest Wisconsin. Although sitting on a beach in Cancun

sounds appealing, this trip was exactly what I needed to cure the itch that fly-anglers get every spring.

It turns out that Wisconsin has more to offer the college student than bars. The southwest part of the state is home to two blue-ribbon trout streams that are within a three-hour drive of Duluth. They both offer an early catch-and-release fishing season -- and Spring Break happens to fall right in the middle of it.

Two factors make this season different from the regular season, which starts at the beginning of May. All fish that are caught must go back into the stream immediately and only barbless artificial lures or flies are allowed. This early catch-and-release season in Wisconsin runs from March 5 to May 1. The early season has another special appeal. In three days of fishing, I only encountered three other fishermen on a river that becomes infested with anglers

once the regular season begins -- and the trout haven't seen a fly or lure all winter long.

I chose to fish the Rush and Kinnickinnic Rivers, near River Falls and Menominee, Wis. Books and guide services often have these two streams listed among some of the best trout waters in the Midwest, and after loading up my waders and fly rods I could hardly contain my anticipation.

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DOGS: Courage and resourcefulness necessary traits

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Small complications can throw a wrench into any musher's race, but the trick is to be resourceful and creative with solutions.

"I sewed a harness with dental floss one night," said Rasmussen.

The most harrowing incident during his race was the accidental loss of two leader dogs.

Late one night, Rasmussen was hooking up the dog line and attached his two lead dogs (Lolo and Bunyon) to each other but forgot to attach their tug line to the rest of the team. Thankfully, the two escapees were waiting a mile up the trail.

"I just saw two sets of eyes glowing in the dark and hoped they were my dogs, not wolves. I guess I was lucky," said Rasmussen.

Luck, however, plays a very small role in a race such as the Iditarod. The Alaskan wilderness demands grit, perseverance, and a will to succeed, let alone survive. Common traits among Iditarod mushers.

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TROUT: Cold water trout demand different tactics

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I hit the water Monday, March 21, and within 15 minutes I had my first hit. I missed this fish, though, along with a few others throughout the morning. My luck slowly improved as I got reacquainted with my fly rod and got used to fishing barbless hooks. By the end of the first day, I had landed five nice browns and one fat brook trout. Day two went even better as I was able to consistently pull fish out of pocket water and deeper holes.

When it comes to fly-fishing, any day you hook more fish than trees is a good day. In light of that, I don't even want to talk about day three. Trees and rocks were all that seemed to find my fly. Melting snow had clouded the rivers, making fishing very difficult. I hate to say it, but I tried everything in my fly box and still got skunked.

Over the three days, though, my fishing partner and I landed over 20 trout and enjoyed some great weather.

Fly-fishing in March is challenging but can pay off in a big way if you do a little research and have a little patience.

With air and water temperatures still quite cold, the fly selection is pretty much limited to nymphs, wet flies and streamers. Dry fly action will pick up in the middle of April with the first caddis and blue-winged olive hatches, but on this trip I was limited to fishing below the surface.

The most productive flies this time of year are usually hare's ear nymphs, pheasant tail nymphs, Prince nymphs, caddis emergers and small streamers such as the Clouser Minnow or Mickey Finn. With water still being low and clear I was also forced to use a very light leader and tippet, and I had to move very slowly and quietly to avoid spooking the fish.

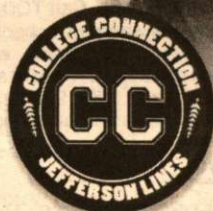
After overturning a few rocks I had figured out that the fish were feeding on very small stoneflies and very young caddis nymphs, some of which were still in their shuck. Luckily, most of the flies I listed above imitate both of these hatches to some extent. The hot flies on this trip were a size 16 hare's ear and a size 14 pheasant tail, tied with a "flashback" wing case.

Although this may have not been the typical Spring Break trip, I had a great time and

managed to save myself a lot of money. I highly recommend that anyone who has a passion for fly-fishing should take a trip to the Rush or Kinni during the early season. Even if you don't get into fish, you are able to separate yourself from the world while learning some of the most beautiful water in the Midwest. After this past week I plan on making this an annual trip.

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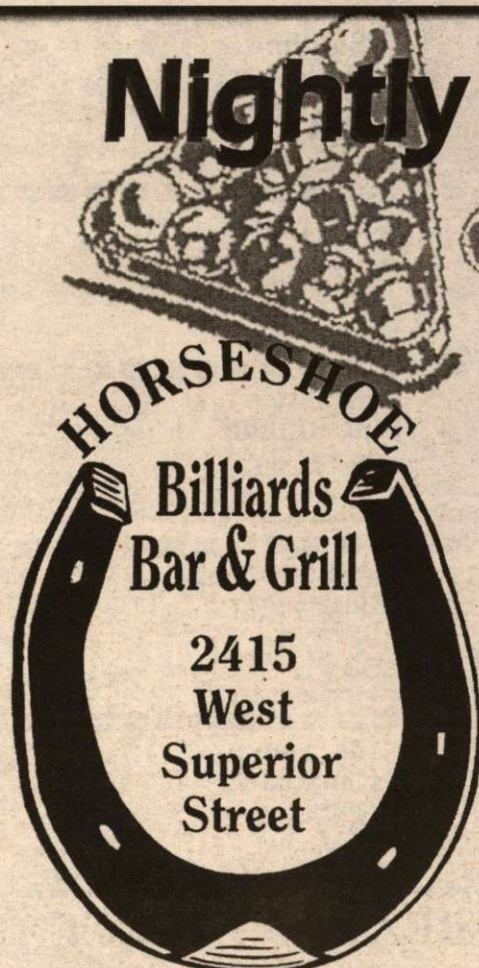
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Monday, April 4, 11:30 a.m., KPlz 311 - "Costa Rica & Other Adventures." Ted and Lorraine Pollard will share their vacation to Costa Rica as well as their experiences with several Elderhostel vacations.

Exile in Duluth CinemaClub

Watch independent and foreign films in private gatherings. For more information see <http://www.exileinduluth.org> or contact Rory Litwin at 726-7896 or rlitwin@d.umn.edu.

Music Dept.

Sunday, April 3, 3 p.m., Weber Music Hall - Faculty Artist Recital: "A Musical Potpourri." Cost: \$8/\$6/\$5.

Tuesday, April 5, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall - World Music Concert. Cost: \$6/\$5/\$3.

Wednesday, April 6, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall - Ovation Guest Artist Series: "Assad Brothers," music of Sergio Assad, Scarlatti, Debussy, Rodrigo and

others. Cost: \$25/\$20/\$15. All seats reserved.

Thursday, April 7, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall - Recital: Adriana Ransom, cello. Cost: Free.

Public Affairs Lectures Series

"Can Democrats and Republicans Get Anything Done During the 2005 Legislative Session?" will be presented by State Senator Geoff Michel, a Republican from Edina and an Assistant Minority Leader in the Minnesota Senate, Saturday, April 2, at 12:15 p.m. in Kirby Rafters.

UMD Techfest 2005

The UMD Techfest 2005 will be held Friday, April 1, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Kirby Ballroom.

The campus has come together each year at Techfest to learn how technology has enhanced or changed the way we teach, learn and share information here at UMD.

Spring 2005 Film Series

The Struggle for Dignity: Part II: Marginalization and Identity. The film series showcases a variety of cinematographic genres as well as diverse languages and cultures (both inside and outside the US).

Thursday, April 7, 4:30 p.m., Hum 480 - To be announced: Documentary on the Hmong people in the US today.

Women's History Month

Today - noon, KSC 355-5712 - Speaker: Nancy Gruver, founder and publisher of *New Moon Magazine*. She will be talking about her new Book: "How To Say It To Girls."

Wednesday, April 6, noon, KSC 268 - Speaker Beth Olson, "Date Rape Drugs 101: What You Need to Know."

Thursday, April 7, noon, Library Fourth Floor Rotunda - Speaker: Maureen Tobin Stanley, professor of foreign languages and literatures at UMD, "Voices of Gendered Resistance in Neus Català's De la Resistencia y la Deportación: The Triumph of Life, Dignity and Solidarity During the Holocaust."

Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus

Back by popular demand, the Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus will perform a second benefit concert at Weber Music Hall Saturday, April 9, at 3 p.m.

The theme is "K-GAY: Sounds of the '60s." Tickets are \$20 each/general seating.

The concert benefits the UMD Cruden-Riggs GLBT Scholarship Fund.

Contact: Angie Nichols, 726-7300 for tickets or send check made payable to "UMD" to GLBT Services, Kirby 236, 1120 Kirby Drive, Duluth, MN 55812.

Anxious, stressed?

"Strategies For Success" is a new group that meets each Wednesday from 4-5 p.m. in KSC 264 to discuss and support issues related to academic success and better mental health. Totally confidential.

Questions? Contact Paul, Susan or Sam at umsuccess@yahoo.com.

Test Anxiety Seminar

Suffering from test anxiety? On Thursday, April 14 Jean Thoennes, a counselor from Health Services will present a one hour seminar on how to beat test anxiety. Join us in Bohannon 112 at noon. Questions? Contact jhanson4@d.umn.edu.

Center for Ethics and Public Policy

A public forum will be held on the legal and political issues surrounding academic freedom. "Academic Freedom and National Security in a Time of Crisis" will be presented by Michael Livingston (St. John's University), James Fetzer (UMD McKnight professor) and others. Join us at 3:30 p.m. in Humanities 314 on March 31. Questions? Contact Steve Vanderheiden at svanderh@d.umn.edu.

the Tap Room

Tap Quote of the week - "Spring break is NOT over!"

Thursday College Night

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